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We *Must* Restore God's Precious Gift!



5/1/03 **RICK MARTIN**

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— John Adams (1735-1826; U.S. statesman and second president from 1797-1801. He led the protest against the *Stamp Act* in 1765 and was the “colossus of the debate” on the *Declaration Of Independence*.)

As the thunder of Operation Iraqi Freedom subsides, it seems appropriate to take a good look at ourselves—at where we REALLY stand as a nation.

What is this concept we call freedom? Many simply take it for granted and don't ever really consider its implications or responsibilities.

Obviously our Founding Fathers were very cognizant of what freedom means. A lot of blood was shed securing the freedoms that we enjoy today. Or perhaps I should say: the freedoms that we *used* to enjoy. (See: *Operation American Freedom p.42*)

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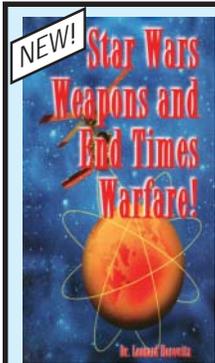
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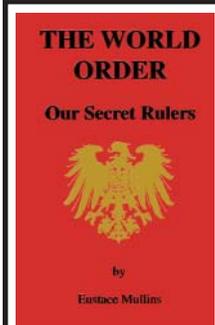
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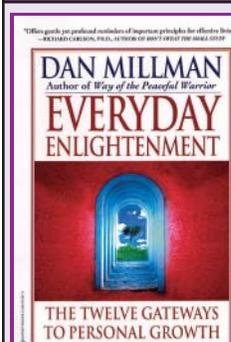
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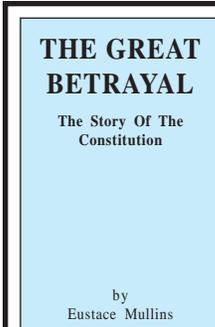
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FREEDOM BEGINS IN THE MIND

If you were to submit, as fictional scripts to the Hollywood studios, some of the things we're supposed to believe on the news, they'd get rejected outright amidst howls of derisive laughter.

Take Dubya's recent bold transgression against the National Rifle Association that donates heavily to Republican causes. Dubya's pushing to outlaw certain firearms ("Here we go again!" you say)—a surprising move for a Texan, and definitely not favored by the NRA. So he's been getting a lot of heat for several days now.

Then, like some kind of "politically correct" macabre miracle-tragedy, all of a sudden on Friday 5/9/03 (but not reported till the next day, by the way) a "crazed shooter" appears at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and holds 70 people hostage in a building for 7 hours, while this former student fires "hundreds of rounds" at police from two guns that—you guessed it—Bush wants to outlaw.

How many people do you think will swallow this tale without batting an eye? After all, the story ran relentlessly, every half hour on Saturday news programs like CNN's *Headline News*. And how's the NRA supposed to counter this "coincidence", in good conscience, when the opposition (the government) ruthlessly ignores any rules of common decency along the way to achieving their goal?

To the average American, naive or lazy about the ways of the world, it's simply unbelievable that the above sequence of events could be anything but coincidental. You readers of this publication know better. But a lot of the public—content to wave their flags and sing their songs of freedom—are in no way inclined to confront such a reality.

So then the scene changes (remember, we're still trying to sell

our movie script) to an elderly American veteran who has endured chronic illness for years from having been ordered to participate in nuclear testing conducted in the 1940s, 1950s, and even 1960s.

An investigation is being initiated, we're told by the blank-faced newscaster, because "perhaps" the government lied to at least 18,000 guinea-pig veterans in "underestimating" (by factors of 10 to 100!) how much radiation they actually received. This was done in order to deny them compensation for the hazardous experimental duty.

Now get this: The one-time corporal, who's now painfully debilitated from many years of radiation sickness from participating in 1950s tests in the Nevada desert, who was featured in the CNN *Headline News* story on Saturday 5/10/03, said this about the matter: **"I love my country. I think it's the greatest country in the world. But we've been lied to and used."**

There go the howls of laughter again, as we get booted out the door of another movie executive's office. But in truth, it's no laughing matter.

Is the tragedy the way these veterans were treated? Or, does the tragedy reside in the way many people think? How can one say they've been deliberately so mistreated, and yet continue to wave their flag of gushing patriotism as if nothing's wrong?

And that's the heart of the matter that runs like an annoying thread through much of this issue of *The SPECTRUM*.

For example, Rick Martin's front-page feature story examines what Freedom really means. And what needs to happen to heal the ailing experiment in Freedom called the United States.

Waving a flag and pretending everything is fine, when it's far

from fine, is hardly a productive road to manifesting freedom. But it's certainly the road our government wants us on—so we don't get in their way of fencing us in like a herd of dumb sheep.

So, many will say: "Well, I know there's a lot wrong; but what can I do? I'm *just* a common person."

Well, guess what? You need go no farther than this issue's News Desk for several powerful projects that, if diligently carried out by enough of the "common folks" who make up the backbone of America, would set our current bully government on end and send all those soulless bureauc-RATS scurrying back into their sewers.

Then we have the spiritual message, this month from Soltec, which, in addition to some timely warnings of a very physical nature, literally moves our understanding of Freedom into another dimension—the realm from which we can achieve the greatest success.

And guess what? That's the realm of the mind—from which we regularly create our own prisons to defeat a true realization of Freedom, as the ill veteran above so plainly illustrated.

Indeed, we are in the time of the Great Awakening and Great Cleansing on planet Earth. Yet, no matter how well the external institutions may get cleaned, or the public shaken awake through even violent means, Freedom is not about to manifest until the longtime fences we hold IN OUR MINDS are brought down through the recognition that, when we finally so desire, they then become dissolved from the landscape of our behavior.

That's the truth that will ultimately set us free. And thanks to you who help *The SPECTRUM* financially to keep going, those fences don't stand much chance!

— Dr. Edwin M. Young, Editor-In-Chief

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THE NEWS DESK

Items You Won't Want To Miss

5/10/03 DR. AL OVERHOLT
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“The world is a dangerous place in which to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it.”

— Albert Einstein

With Einstein's insightful criticism in mind, how about the following poignant message from a great yet humble “servant of the people” who IS bravely trying to do something about the crooks in high places—at great personal cost until we-the-people awaken enough to rally for his cause:

**LETTER FROM PRISON:
REP. JIM TRAFICANT SPEAKS**

From the www.rumormillnews.com website, 4/26/03: [quoting]

The following is from a correspondent who wishes to remain anonymous.

The correspondent said: “I sent James Traficant a Christmas card a few months ago. I received this reply today.”

Dear (anonymous),

Thank you! Thank you for thinking of me and my family. Life is hectic and fast-paced—and for you to have thought of me, and then to stop and take time from your precious life to write me—is an honor. And once again, I thank you!

Most of the people who write me say they cannot understand why the government targeted me with such a passion. Every rumor and innuendo that any political opponent would plant and foster became public and, before long, developed into an indictment without any physical evidence—only the testimony of subjects who were able to avoid jail by fabricating falsehoods about me.

Lies and half-truths became “facts”; and ultimately became a 10-count indictment. My evidence, that would have proved they were lying, was not allowed to be presented—either before the Congress or the Federal Court!

However, I know why I was targeted: I was not afraid of the government, and I had learned too much! The beginning of

all of this was my first trial, in 1983, when I became the only American in history to defeat the U.S. Department of Justice in a RICO case—pro se (representing myself), and me not being an attorney. They were embarrassed!

The straw that broke the camel's back was when I proved that John Demanjuk was not the infamous Ivan the Terrible of the Treblinka death camp in Poland. The government was stunned and in shock. The real Ivan was nine years older, taller, and had black hair and a scar on his neck; his name was Ivan Marchenko. My investigation, in conjunction with John Demanjuk's beautiful family, proved not only that John was innocent, but also that the Justice Department knew he was not guilty—even before they took him to court!

Shame, shame! They lied to the court—gave false testimony and presented false witnesses—knowing that he would be put to death! Shame! The Justice Department then came after me with revenge, and a passion!

I lost my respect and my faith in our government. Because this case was “too sensitive”, Congress would not even hold a hearing on my evidence. Congress, all of them, at the time—turned their back, worried about re-election! The Democrats were in charge then, and they knew of my investigation in Congress—hoping I would abandon it! I did not! I sent my findings to the Israeli Supreme Court—and they had no choice: They released John Demanjuk! In fact, they delivered him to me at the airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, and I personally brought him home, along with his son, his son-in-law, and Israeli bodyguards!

I am proud of what I did. No one else, in the House or the Senate, would even talk to the family—afraid of media power and the vindictiveness of the Justice Department. But even today, John Demanjuk is still being persecuted.

Shame!

The government agents who destroyed Demanjuk's life should be in jail! That was just the tip of the iceberg. When people saw what I had done for the Demanjuk family, they came to me with

unbelievable information.

The information is so powerful that it is hard to believe, and the government knew I was getting sensitive information that could damage the American people's confidence in the government. People came to me with facts about Waco, Ruby Ridge, Pan Am Flight 103, Jimmy Hoffa, and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. It may all sound far-fetched, but I do know what happened to Hoffa and J.F.K. The government knows that I know—and so they had to ruin my voice by destroying my credibility. I may yet divulge this information if I can get the proper forum.

As you know, I was the dreaded enemy of the I.R.S. My legislation in the last *I.R.S. Reform Bill* changed the *Burden Of Proof* law. Before that, you had to prove you were innocent in a tax court. The burden of proof was on the taxpayer. The I.R.S. said you owed—but the I.R.S. did not have to prove it. Unbelievable!

Now that the I.R.S. has to prove their charges, the following statistics tell the true story.

Comparing one year before the changes to one year after:

(1) Wage garnishments dropped from 3.1 million to 560,000;

(2) Taxpayer property liens dropped from 680,000 to 161,000;

(3) Foreclosures on individual family-owned homes dropped from 10,063 to 57! That's right: only 57 homes in all 50 states! Fact is, the I.R.S. was seizing our homes—over 10,000 every year—when they had neither proof nor the right to do so!

Congress allowed the I.R.S. to intimidate us and frighten us. Think about it! And then maybe you can begin to understand why I love America but hate the government—and why the government hates me. The Justice Department had to get rid of me, but I'll be damned if I would back down!

America is in trouble—not from without, but from within!

The Central Government has become too powerful. Citizens fear the Government. This is wrong. This is dangerous! I know the Government covered-up and promulgated LIES about Waco, Ruby Ridge, Pan Am Flight 103, Hoffa, and J.F.K. The Government knew I was right when I called Janet Reno a traitor. Janet Reno sold us out when she refused to investigate a \$10-million payoff to the Democratic Party from a general in the Red Chinese Army (no less!). Think about it! And the Government knew that I had known why Reno was forced to betray America! I'm proud that I tried to do something about

it! Someday the truth will come out. (I hope China never attacks us!)

Many of you have asked what you can do for me. I appreciate this. You can help my family:

Mrs. Tish Traficant
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Thank you for remembering me, for thinking of me, for caring! God Bless!

(Signed) Jim Traficant
[end quoting]

Jim and his family REALLY need the support of ALL truly patriotic Americans—not the rah-rah flag-wavers with no clue about the TRUE extent of the cancer overtaking the United States. PLEASE spread this message far and wide, especially you crusaders for Truth in Ohio.

Regular readers of *The SPECTRUM* are well aware of several past stories we have presented on why Jim was taken down by our out-of-control government. The biggest clues are in his brief references to China near the end of his wonderfully candid letter.

New readers may want to go back and review, especially, the story titled **THE CHINESE CONNECTION: Powerful Hidden Reasons Why DOJ Conspired To Get Rep. James A. Traficant** back in the September 2002 issue of this publication for some incredibly shocking background you'll never hear on the evening news.

If the public knew the truth (and didn't die from shock), Jim Traficant would not only be completely vindicated, but more likely voted President overnight. And THEN we'd see the fur fly in Washington as the rats scurried back into the sewers!

And speaking of the sewers and the precious water systems of the United States, be aware of the foreign rats as well:

WATER FOR PROFIT
OR
RED ALERT ABOUT BIG FRAUD

From *MOTHER JONES* magazine, Nov./Dec. 2002: [quoting]

Contamination, riots, rate increases, scandals. From Atlanta to Manila, cities are confronting the true cost of water privatization.

by Jon R. Luoma

Even before the water turned brown, Gordon Certain had plenty to worry about. With his north Atlanta neighborhood in the middle of a growth boom, the president of the North Buckhead Civic Association had been busy fielding complaints about traffic, a sewer tunnel being built near a Nature preserve, and developers razing tidy postwar ranch homes to make room for mansions.

But nothing compared to the volume of calls and emails that flooded Certain's home office in May, when Georgia's environmental protection agency issued an alert to North Buckhead residents: Their tap water, the agency warned, wasn't safe to drink unless they boiled it first.

Some neighbors, Certain recalls, had just fed formula to their baby when they heard the alert. "I had parents calling me in tears" he says. "The things that have happened to the water here have sure scared the hell out of a lot of people."

A month later, another "boil water" alert came. This time, when Certain turned on his own tap, the liquid that gushed out was the color of rust, with bits of debris floating in it.

Atlanta's water service had never been without its critics; there had always been complaints about slow repairs and erroneous water bills. But the problems

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intensified three years ago, says Certain, after one of the world's largest private water companies took over the municipal system and promised to turn it into an "international showcase" for public-private partnerships. Instead of ushering in a new era of trouble-free drinking water, Atlanta's experiment with privatization has brought a host of new problems.

This year there have been five boil-water alerts, indicating unsafe contaminants might be present. Fire hydrants have been useless for months. Leaking water mains have gone unrepaired for weeks. Despite all of this, the city's contractor—United Water, a subsidiary of French-based multinational Suez—has lobbied the City Council to add millions more to its \$21-million-a-year contract.

Atlanta's experience has become Exhibit A in a heated controversy over the push by a rapidly growing global water industry to take over public water systems. At the heart of the debate are two questions: Should water, a basic necessity for human survival, be controlled by for-profit interests? And, can multinational companies actually deliver on what they promise—better service and safe, affordable water?

Already, the two largest players in the industry, French-based conglomerates Suez and Vivendi Universal, manage water for 230 million people, mostly in Europe and the developing world. Now they are seeking access to a vast and relatively untapped market: the United States, where 85% of people still get their water from public utilities.

Private water providers have positioned themselves as the solution to the developing world's water problems, notes Hugh Jackson, a policy analyst at the advocacy group Public Citizen. "But it's a lot harder for them to make the case when here, in the world's center of capitalism, cities are delivering tremendous amounts of high-quality, clean, inexpensive water to people."

Yet over the past decade, hundreds of U.S. cities and counties, including Indianapolis and Milwaukee, have hired private companies to manage their waterworks. Currently New Orleans; Stockton, California; and Laredo, Texas, are in the process of going private, although opposition has sprung up in all three cities.

Water companies have been conducting annual "fly-ins" to Washington DC, to press their legislative agenda, lobbying for laws

that would protect companies from lawsuits over contaminated water and block municipalities from taking back troubled privatized systems.

[Editor's note: Notice how closely this tactic parallels what the major drug companies requested (and got) from the Bush Administration to give them immunity from prosecution if they produce bad vaccines, etc.]

Most recently, a bipartisan group in Congress has been pushing a federal waterworks funding bill, advocated by the National Association of Water Companies, which would require cities to "consider" privatization before they can tap federal funds for upgrading or expanding public utilities and would also subsidize such privatization deals.

At the municipal level the lobbying pressure is equally intense, with water companies actively courting local officials (the U.S. Conference of Mayors' website features a large ad from Vivendi subsidiary U.S. Filter) and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars supporting privatization in local referendums. "It's hard for local guys to turn these companies away" Massachusetts' former water commissioner Douglas MacDonald has said. "They're everywhere, with arms like an octopus."

The argument behind privatization is that only corporate efficiency can rescue the nation's aging waterworks. But if success is measured in terms of delivering an essential commodity to everyone who needs it, then the industry's record is less than encouraging.

Around the world, cities with private water-management companies have been plagued by lapses in service, soaring costs, and corruption. In Manila—where the water system is controlled by Suez, San Francisco-based Bechtel, and the prominent Ayala family—water is only reliably available for two hours a day, and rates have increased so dramatically that the poorest families must choose each month between either paying for water or two days' worth of food.

In the Bolivian city of Cochabamba, rate increases that followed privatization sparked rioting in 2000 that left six people dead.

And in Atlanta, city officials are considering canceling United Water's contract as early as this winter. "Atlanta was going to be the industry's shining example of how great privatization is" says Public Citizen's Jackson. "And now it's turned into our shining example about how it maybe isn't so great an idea after all."

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On a cloudy August day that brought a welcome bit of drizzle to drought-parched Atlanta, Mayor Shirley Franklin lugged a seven-pound bound volume off a shelf and heaved it onto a table in her office. The report, prepared by a committee she appointed shortly after taking office last January, contained the city's case against United Water.

It detailed violations of federal drinking water standards, including one instance in which levels of chlorine rose to six times the level the company agreed to in its contract. The report also listed a string of maintenance problems ranging from broken security cameras and gates to open manholes and water-main leaks that went unrepaired for weeks.

Some residents had to wait months for basic repairs, even though the company's contract specifies that some repairs must be made within 15 days. In fact, United failed to complete more than half of all required repairs in 2001, and it allowed rust and debris to build up, so that when the boil-water alerts forced the company to flush the system, brown water flowed from the taps.

Finally, the report noted, instead of improving collections of unpaid water bills as promised, United actually allowed collection rates to drop from 98% to 94%, costing the city millions of dollars.

United has succeeded at one thing, according to the city: cutting its own operating costs, chiefly by reducing the waterworks staff by 25% even as demand for water in burgeoning Atlanta keeps rising. Staff reductions were partly responsible for the company's service troubles, the report indicated, as were higher-than-expected repair expenses: **Last year United demanded that the city provide an additional \$80 million for unanticipated maintenance costs. The increase was blocked when a lone City Council member refused to sign the revised contract.**

In mid-August, Mayor Franklin announced that "United Water has not lived up to its responsibility" and formally notified the company that it had 90 days to fix the problems or the city would terminate its contract. "They keep telling me they are part of a world-class corporation that can bring us world-class service" she says, offering a small smile. "So I'm giving them a chance to prove it." United has offered to spend \$1 million on outside inspectors to reassure city officials that it isn't, as Franklin puts it, "cutting any corners".

It wasn't supposed to turn out this way. In 1998, when Atlanta's City Council

voted to contract out its water filtration and delivery system, city officials insisted that corporate management would stave off a budget crisis and drastic rate increases, and would lower costs by more than 40% while improving service. (Franklin herself, then a management consultant, lobbied for one of the companies bidding on the contract.) It was the largest water-privatization program ever attempted in the United States and was expected to prompt a wave of similar contracts around the country.

Water privatization has been gaining steam since the early 1990s, when market advocates began touting it as the next logical step after deregulating electricity. Many city waterworks that were built or expanded in the 1970s are now decaying, and the cost of needed repairs is staggering. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that U.S. cities will have to spend nearly \$151 billion to upgrade or replace pipes, filters, storage tanks, and other infrastructure over the next two decades. Cities will have to spend an additional \$460 billion on sewage systems—another area where the corporate water giants are making inroads.

The prospect of skyrocketing infrastructure costs prompted U.S. officials to look overseas, where privatization is already a booming business. Multinational companies now run water systems for 7% of the world's population, and analysts say that figure could more than double, to 17%, by 2015. Private water management is estimated to be a \$200 billion business, and the World Bank—which has encouraged governments to sell off their utilities to reduce public debt [*clue*]—projects it could reach \$1 trillion by 2021. *Fortune* has called water "one of the world's great business opportunities", noting that it "promises to be to the 21st century what oil was to the 20th".

The biggest contenders for this emerging market are Suez, a corporate descendant of the company that built the Suez Canal, and the media conglomerate Vivendi Universal, which owns the USA network and Universal Studios. Together, the two companies now control about 70% of the world's private water-delivery systems and take in a combined \$60 billion in revenues.

Both have spent billions in recent years expanding in the United States: In 1999, Suez bought United Water for \$1 billion, and Vivendi acquired the then-largest American company, U.S. Filter, for more than \$6 billion. RWE/Thames Water, a German/British conglomerate, is

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currently completing its merger with the biggest remaining domestic company, American Water Works.

The water companies have been expanding even more dramatically in the developing world, where antiquated, often colonial era, water systems are no match for rapidly increasing populations.

More than 1 billion people lack access to clean drinking water, notes Peter Gleick, president of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security. A recent report he co-authored points out that: "Half the world's people fail to receive the level of water services available in many of the cities of ancient Greece and Rome."

Yet corporate water's record in fixing those problems—or even maintaining the industrialized world's systems—has been mixed at best. In 1989 Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher pushed through a program to privatize the United Kingdom's water supply. Costs to consumers soared over the following decade, despite billions in government subsidies to the water companies.

In some cities, water bills rose by as much as 141% in the '90s, while thousands of public-sector jobs were lost. Even the conservative *Daily Mail* declared that: **"Britain's top ten water companies have been able to use their position as monopoly suppliers to pull off the greatest act of licensed robbery in our history."**

Last year the Ghanaian government agreed to privatize local water systems as a condition for an International Monetary Fund loan [*clue*]. To attract investors, the government doubled water rates, setting off protests in a country where the average annual income is less than \$400 a year and the water bill—for those fortunate enough to have running

water—can run upwards of \$110.

In Bolivia's third-largest city, Cochabamba, water rates shot up 35% after a consortium led by Bechtel [*clue*] took over the city's water system in 1999; some residents found themselves paying 20% of their income for water. Street protests led to riots in which six people were killed. Eventually the Bolivian government voided Bechtel's contract and told company officials it could not guarantee their safety if they stayed in town.

Privatization has also spawned protests and, in some cases, dominated elections in several other countries, including Paraguay—where police last summer turned water cannons on anti-privatization protesters—and Panama, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, India, Pakistan, Hungary, and South Africa.

Here in the United States, some municipalities that initially jumped on the privatization bandwagon are now having second thoughts. In Milwaukee, which turned its sewage system over to United Water in 1998, an audit released in July found that a sewer tunnel was dumping raw sewage into local waterways, including Lake Michigan. Vivendi managed Puerto Rico's water and wastewater treatment for seven years, but after a territorial commission cited inaccurate billing and poor maintenance this year, its contract wasn't renewed.

Companies scrambling for lucrative municipal water contracts have also been caught up in corruption scandals. In June, Katherine Maraldo, a New Orleans Sewer and Water Board member, and Michael Stump, the former president of Professional Services Group, which ran the city's wastewater system, were convicted on bribery charges. PSG is now part of Vivendi, which is bidding to take over New Orleans' drinking-water system. And in 2001, two associates of Bridgeport, Connecticut, mayor Joseph Ganim pled guilty to racketeering, mail fraud, and falsifying tax returns in connection with a \$806,000 payment from PSG, which was negotiating for the city's \$183 million water contract.

Such incidents point to a fundamental problem with allowing private companies to take over public water systems, says the Pacific Institute's Gleick. In attempting to make attractive bids for long-term contracts, companies often underestimate the cost of maintaining a water system, and so are forced to either skimp on staffing or demand more money to keep turning a profit.

“At least when you have public utilities, the money they take in stays in

the community” Gleick says. “With the private companies, the profits are going to go out of your community, out of your state, and probably out of your country.”

Nevertheless, Troy Henry, the southern regional manager of United Water, is convinced that private water providers can do a better job than public utilities. He readily admits that his company and Atlanta city managers have had problems “dealing with the complexities of the system” in Atlanta and says the company is spending “multiple millions of dollars [to] win back the citizens’ and mayor’s confidence”. A biomedical and electrical engineer and former manager at IBM, Henry argues that private companies can do for water delivery what Big Blue did for computing—revolutionize technology and attract “the best and the brightest and most talented people”.

Perhaps Henry can mend fences in Atlanta, which he insists is United Water's—and corporate parent Suez's—“No. 1 priority”. But Clair Muller, chair of the City Council's utility committee, contends that even if United Water ends up saving its Atlanta contract, it will merely have proved that privatization can work only under tight city supervision. And if tight supervision is possible, why privatize? “If government is run correctly—and that's always a big if—there's no profit motive” she says. “So if this is about saving money, we should always be able to do it cheaper.”

In the end, the debate is about more than money. Taking responsibility for a community's water, Muller argues, is simply not the same as running a sports stadium or a cable franchise. “Water is the worst thing to privatize” she says. “It's what we need to live. I think that's key to the whole debate—are we going to lose control over functions that are essential to life?”

Water's Big Three

A handful of global companies have come to dominate the water industry by buying up dozens of smaller competitors. The three top players are based in Europe, but San Francisco-based Bechtel is a close fourth, and Enron's water division, Azurix, was muscling its way into water contracts from Ghana to India before it collapsed.

A quick sketch of the Big Three:

• Suez

Number of customers: 120 million

Does business in: 130 countries, including France, U.K., Argentina, Indonesia, Philippines, and Cameroon;

runs water systems in dozens of cities, including Buenos Aires, Casablanca, and Amman, Jordan.

U.S. activity: Owns United Water, which manages systems in Atlanta, Puerto Rico, Milwaukee, and Washington DC, and is bidding to take over New Orleans' sewer system

Also owns: Waste disposal, electricity, and gas operations; built the Suez Canal in 1858.

Trouble spots: Nkonkobe, South Africa. The city went to court late last year to get out of its contract with a Suez subsidiary, arguing that it could save \$1.8 million by returning the water system to municipal control.

Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 1992, Suez won a 30-year contract to manage the city's water and sewage systems. But because it failed to install wastewater lines fast enough, sewage has been flooding streets and basements, posing a threat to public health.

• Vivendi Universal

Number of customers: 110 million

Does business in: 100 countries, including Hungary, China, South Korea, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Chad, Romania, and Colombia.

U.S. activity: Owns U.S. Filter, the second largest U.S. water company, best known for its Culligan filters; runs water systems in more than 500 communities.

Also owns: Universal Studios, the USA television network, and Houghton Mifflin, as well as waste disposal, energy, and telecommunications operations.

Trouble spot: Tucuman, Argentina. Water prices more than doubled after Vivendi took over management of local water systems throughout the province in 1995. Residents protested, and in 1998 the company withdrew from its 30-year contract.

• RWE/Thames Water

Number of customers: 51 million

Does business in: 44 countries, including U.K., Germany, Turkey, and Japan.

U.S. activity: Acquiring American Water Works, which runs water systems in 27 states; the company also owns E'town, a water and sewage company that serves more than 50 communities in New Jersey

Also owns: Electric utilities in Germany, wastewater, gas, recycling, and oil operations.

Trouble spot: Lexington, Kentucky. When American Water Works announced its merger with RWE/Thames in September 2001, Lexington indicated that it might try to buy out the conglomerate's local subsidiary, Kentucky-American Water. In response,

the company sent letters to each of its 104,000 customers, asking them to fight a “forced government takeover”. At present, the utility is still under RWE/Thames’ control.

[end quoting]

This is one of the most important issues for all of us to be aware of at the present time, and please alert your local government officials too. We surely need to keep control of our water supplies out of the hands of the same kinds of crooks (domestic AND foreign) who did their greedy best to run California into bankruptcy through the electrical utilities scam.

Furthermore, look at the clues as to just WHO is pushing such privatization; it’s coming from the highest levels of New World Order control machinery—the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, etc. If that doesn’t alert you to a hidden agenda of large-scale people control through consolidation and manipulation of basic resources—hallmarks of New World Order tactics—then we might as well simply go ahead and give the United States away to opportunistic foreign interests.

On the depopulation front, this same New World Order gang of criminals is waging a new assault on our right to pursue healthy alternatives to their poisons. Here’s the latest attack:

MASSIVE SCAM-ASSAULT ON ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE BEGUN IN AUSTRALIA

From the homepage.ntlworld.com/steveseymour/subliminalsuggestion/vitamins.html website, 5/2/03: [quoting] by Joe Vialls

This week, Australians nationwide were deliberately denied access to more than one thousand products ranging from vitamin pills to multi-mineral supplements.

Under cover of the fake “SARS Crisis” currently saturating the Western media, Australia’s Therapeutic Goods Administration has suddenly moved to outlaw and remove from store shelves about 80% of all vitamins and other related alternative products. Although less than a week ago customers were happily buying everything from vitamin A to Z, and enthusiastically chewing every conceivable mineral and trace element, these same customers today face empty shelves in more than 5,000 healthfood stores across the country.

American and European readers who may be wondering “What has this Australian stuff got to do with me?” are urged to read on a little further.

Australia is well known as a gullible, and thus attractive, proving ground for multinational scams—meaning that what happens in Oz this week, might well serve as a foretaste of what is yet to come in America and Europe next week, or next month, or even next year.

The extraordinary situation, facing Australians today, started at the beginning of this week, when the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) suddenly decided to cancel the manufacturing license of Pan Pharmaceuticals, a large Australian company which not only manufactures its own line of medicines, but also provides a manufacturing service for 80% of all alternative goods providers across Australia. Basically then, by shutting down Pan Pharmaceuticals without just cause, the TGA ensured that alternative healthgoods purveyors and customers would be critically disadvantaged across the entire nation.

To suggest (or even think) that the TGA action was deliberately designed to shut down natural health products in favor of the huge pharmaceutical multinationals and their coal-tar synthetic drugs, at first seems ill advised, perhaps even absurd. But unfortunately for the TGA, we can and will prove here, in a proper step-by-step

investigation, that the shutdown process was premeditated and deliberate.

Members of the Therapeutic Goods Administration are Australia’s medical goods “thought police”, endowed by government with incredible powers. There are documented examples of these people shutting down retail healthfood businesses for daring to suggest that cheap apricot kernels might retard (not “cure”) cancer, while at the same time other members of the TGA were busy endorsing the massive use of highly-addictive and extremely profitable amphetamines on Australian children, with alleged but unproven “learning disorders”.

Every scam needs a convincing trigger to start the desired chain of events. In the case of Pan Pharmaceuticals, the trigger was an in-house medicine called “Travacalm”, designed as its name suggests to combat motion sickness in its various manifestations. The TGA allegedly received complaints in late 2002 about this medicine, including claims of minor “hallucinations”. In an apparent response to these uncorroborated claims, on 21 January 2003 Travacalm Original tablets were recalled, with the official reason given as: “The product is being recalled following a number of reports of excess

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side effects related to the active ingredient.”

Fine so far, and the TGA certainly seemed to be acting responsibly, but it was not.

You see, there are actually three versions of Travacalm, but only the “Original” version was recalled. Travacalm Original is unique in its active ingredient dimenhydrinate, which is not contained in Travacalm H.O. (hyoscine hydrobromide), or in Travacalm Natural, which contains only zingiber officinale (natural ginger).

So by banning Travacalm Original but not the other two Travacalm products, the TGA revealed to us all that it was really only banning the single ingredient dimenhydrinate, the active antihistamine not present in either the H.O. or Natural versions of Travacalm.

There is nothing unique or secret about the side effects of dimenhydrinate, which have been known for many years. Users can be subject to headache, blurred vision, palpitations, loss of coordination, dry mouth, low blood pressure causing dizziness and weakness, and ringing in the ears. What are less widely known, are the disturbing hallucinogenic side-effects of dimenhydrinate experienced by many experimental users with access to the Internet.

(A good description is posted at the <http://www.angelfire.com/ca7/legalize/drugs/dimenhydrinate> Internet website: “It takes about an hour for the full effects of this drug to be reached, maybe even more. You know when it hits you though. The most screwed up thing is a complete loss of balance. Walking around without falling is quite the challenge. Small hallucinations are possible. And auditory hallucinations come into the picture at higher doses. Short-term memory is shot. As soon as you finish a thought, you forget what it was you were thinking about.”)

Obviously then, all medications, including dimenhydrinate, are potentially very dangerous and perhaps capable of producing hallucinations—which leads us to question why it was that on 21 January 2003, the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration recalled only Pan Pharmaceutical’s Travacalm Original, while leaving other medicines with higher levels of dimenhydrinate on the open market.

These other dimenhydrinate medicines include (but are not limited to) Calm X, Dimetabs, Dinat, Dommanate, Dramamine, Dramanate, Dramocen, Dramoject, Dymenate, Hydrate, Marmine, Nico-Vert, Tega-Vert, Triptone, and Vertab. All without exception should also have

been ordered off the shelves, but were not.

Predictably perhaps, all of the other dimenhydrinate medicines are manufactured by pharmaceutical multinationals “friendly” to members of the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and unconfirmed rumors still persist about certain senior TGA bureaucrats being discreetly provided with free “medical seminars” in Fiji or Bali, complete with all essential extras—including unlimited alcohol and prostitutes.

Regardless of the fine detail of exactly how this situation was engineered, by February 2003 Australian Pan Pharmaceuticals had been artificially “dirtied”, and was ripe for the picking. The scene had been set for the biggest recall of natural health products in Australia—perhaps in the world.

The scam itself started on Monday 28 April 2003, and a mere four days later, on Thursday 1 May, the TGA had identified and ordered 1,363 complete product lines to be stripped from store shelves across Australia.

Does anyone out there really believe that a bunch of lazy bureaucrats managed all that in four days, without considerable forward planning?

So, by Thursday 1 May, one thousand three hundred and sixty-three complete product lines had been officially recalled—meaning hundreds of millions of alternative health pills and capsules had to be stripped from the shelves, leaving Australian consumers understandably anxious. To claim that this TGA action “undermined public confidence in alternative health” would be seriously understating the case.

Naturally the Therapeutic Goods Administration provided no details of why this was happening, though the ever-compliant media immediately started circulating rumors about “that dangerous Travacalm”, and hinted at mixing machines not being cleaned properly between blending batches of different products. One former employee was produced on television, to state that he was only allowed one hour to clean his mixing machine between batches instead of three hours, and that was that. The media fix was in, despite a total lack of evidence.

Hundreds of thousands of Australians were suddenly deprived of the ability to buy their chosen alternative health products, and “doubt” had also been deliberately cast over the safety of the alternative health products already in their homes. Many Australians started to grumble that the alternative health manufacturers were no better than the

hated drug companies: all of them obviously out to make a quick buck without the slightest regard for public safety. Lines of demarcation became blurred, and customers started to mill around like lost sheep.

Hard evidence indicates that the undermining of public confidence, and the resulting confusion, were the prime object of the exercise, because there is no proof that any of these 1,363 product lines pose the slightest risk to human health. Ironically perhaps, in its headlong rush to shepherd Australians back towards out-of-fashion medical doctors and their wide range of synthetic coal-tar-based drugs, the Therapeutic Goods Administration reinforced the reality of perfect safety with official statements.

Putting its foot firmly in its mouth, the TGA publicly announced three times in less than a week: “there are no problems with prescription drugs obtained from your doctor”, and “prescription drugs are not affected”. This was unquestionably reassuring news for potential patients being herded back toward the medical profession, and even greater news for the pharmaceutical multinationals, who up to this point in history have been losing A\$2,000 million per year in Australia alone to alternative health products.

Unfortunately there was a fatal flaw in these glib and very convenient TGA statements. Though Pan Pharmaceuticals is best known for its own alternative health products, and as a contract manufacturer for 80% of all other alternative health products across Australia, it is also a significant producer of a wide range of in-house and contract “prescription drugs”. Those prescription drugs manufactured by Pan are still in your doctor’s surgery, and they are still on the shelves at the pharmacy, despite the startling fact that all were produced in the same allegedly “unclean” mixing machines as the 1,363 banned alternative health products.

In summary, the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration recalled a Pan dimenhydrinate product in January 2003 but failed to recall its fifteen multinational equivalents at the same time. The TGA also failed to issue a public warning about the possible hallucinogenic side effects of dimenhydrinate.

In late April the Therapeutic Goods Administration started a whispering campaign against Pan Pharmaceuticals, with the intent of severely undermining public confidence in alternative health products. This latter claim has now been

proved by the selective TGA recall of all 1,363 Pan Pharmaceutical alternative health products, but without the recall of a single Pan Pharmaceutical “prescription medicine”.

It is difficult to forecast the longterm outcome of this deliberate campaign, because no one yet knows what the multinational pharmaceutical corporations will instruct the Australian TGA to do next. Certainly the massed media campaign has already severely undermined Australian public confidence in alternative health products, and for a few weeks or months it will be very difficult (in some cases impossible) to even purchase fresh stocks of vitamins, minerals, and so on. In turn, this forced lack of trade will send thousands of small alternative health retail outlets into bankruptcy.

Using these techniques, the multinational pharmaceuticals seek to “break the alternative consumer habit” if possible, and to an extent they will be successful. The “hard core” alternative crowd will not respond, of course, and if necessary will import their own products, but it is not the “hard core” that the multinationals seek to undermine.

It is “middle” Australia (and America and Europe) that the multinationals are targeting. Millions of intelligent folk used to go to medical doctors all the time, until they started to pick up the warning signs of the horrific side-effects of prescription medicines. These are the people who must be weaned off healthy products, and brought back under direct medical control.

The fake Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration scam will certainly help to do this, and if only 50% effective, should still return roughly one billion dollars per annum to multinational pharmaceutical investors. Not a bad return for the price of a few hookers in Fiji and Bali.

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This author has done a tremendous service by walking the reader, one step at a time, through the unfolding of this very recent scam by the multinational medical mafia. How much of this did you hear on the evening news?

The more people are aware of the tactics these crooks employ, the less effective will be their assaults because they can’t handle a large number of people who can spot what is going on and rise up in protest. Likewise, intermediary puppets like the above TGA “policing” agency in Australia would buckle under sufficient public pressure, as is the no-backbone nature of such morally bankrupt bureaucrats.

And while we’re talking about rising up against such tactics of the medical mafia, consider the following breath of fresh air:

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From email, 4/23/03: [quoting]

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(From the www.healthfreedomlaw.com website:)

Dynasty Of Deception Broken;
Major Court Precedent Set

California Appeals Court
Bludgeons Quackbusters

Opinion by
Consumer Advocate Tim Bolen

A California Appeals Court, yesterday, April 22, 2003, bludgeoned the National Council Against Health Fraud (NCAHF), and their whole argument about what constitutes good and bad healthcare. The quackbuster’s operating theme, the argument they use against alternative proponents, came under a major American court’s scrutiny. The court, basically, in their decision, said the quackbusters’ arguments were hogwash, and they had no business meddling in California’s system.

The court also declared that top quackbusters Stephen Barrett (quackwatch.com) and Wallace Sampson MD (Scientific Review of Alternative and Aberrant Medicine) “were found to be biased and unworthy of credibility”.

The quackbusters lost in a PUBLISHED case. The quackbuster premise failed. Not some of it, not most of it—but ALL of it. The “quackbuster” measuring stick for how to evaluate healthcare has been completely discredited. Official quackbuster credibility is now ZERO.

In a minute I’m going to give you a link to the Appeals Court decision. But first let me give you a road map. Here’s what happened:

The quackbusters’ flagship, the self-proclaimed National Council Against Health Fraud (NCAHF) decided one day to sue about 43 “Alternative Medicine proponents” in California, basically claiming that all of them were engaging

in health fraud “because what they were doing wasn’t scientifically proven”.

Their argument was that: “The defendant has to PROVE their products work, or it’s health fraud.”

California was the wrong place for them to try this stunt. Here, health freedom bills tend to pass through the legislature UNANIMOUSLY. We like to be healthy. It’s our life style.

The very first case that came to trial was called NCAHF vs. King Bio (a manufacturer of about 50 homeopathic products). The NCAHF lost badly. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Haley Fromholz wrote a long decision, virtually battering the quackbusters for wasting the court’s time with their silly case. The quackbusters had accused King Bio of false advertising. At issue was the credibility of the NCAHF’s witnesses, Stephen Barrett and Wallace Sampson MD. The judge thrashed their arguments.

You can read the judge’s words in this original case decision by going to the www.quackpotwatch.org/quackpots/california_superior_court_judge.htm website location.

You can find out who King Bio is by going to their www.kingbio.com website.

The NCAHF appealed. And, boy, did it cost them. You need to read the decision. It is written in plain language, not legalese, and is clearly understandable. Read the footnotes also. Pass this around to anyone under attack by the quackbusters. Their attorneys will love this precedent-setting case.

To me, one of the more important statements is the last footnote in the Appeal Court’s decision, for it attacks the whole quackbuster operation. It says: “The trial court concluded NCAHF failed to prove a false or misleading statement. King Bio’s expert testified the products were safe and effective. The products were included in the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia and complied with FDA guidelines. NCAHF presented no evidence that King Bio’s products were not safe and effective, relying instead on a general attack on homeopathy, made by witnesses who had no knowledge of, or experience with, King Bio’s products, and who were found to be biased and unworthy of credibility.”

But more occurred: At trial, NCAHF proceeded on the theory that there is no scientific basis for the advertised efficacy of King Bio’s products. NCAHF performed no tests to determine the efficacy of King Bio’s products and presented no anecdotal evidence. NCAHF instead argued that King Bio’s products were drugs, and the scientific

community required representations regarding the efficacy of drugs to be supported by acceptable scientific evidence. NCAHF asserted that the burden of proof should be shifted to King Bio to prove its products' efficacy.

On appeal, NCAHF acknowledges that, under current California law, a false advertising plaintiff bears the burden of proving the defendant's advertising claim is false or misleading. NCAHF contends, however, that we should shift the burden of proof to the defendant to facilitate the campaign against health fraud. NCAHF argues that federal law shifts the burden to the defendant in false advertising actions.

In response to the NCAHF's demands, the Court said: "We conclude there is no basis in California law to shift the burden of proof to a defendant in a representative false advertising and unlawful competition action. We conclude further that the Legislature has indicated an intent to place the burden of proof on the plaintiff in such cases. Finally, we conclude federal authority is not apposite."

What this means to the North American Health Freedom Movement:

This is a PUBLISHED case. It is PRECEDENT setting. It can (and should) be used in any case in the U.S. where quackbusters are involved. The quackbusters have been court tested—and they lost. Their whole argument against alternative medicine has been thrown in the trash. Their credibility is zero. The case was handled, on our side, by famous California litigator Carlos Negrete. You can read his comments on the case at the www.healthfreedomlaw.com website.

What I want to know is: Who funded the quackbusters' lawsuits?

My advice to you: If you are the subject of derogatory remarks on top quackbuster Stephen Barrett's website (www.quackwatch.com) or Robert Baratz's website (www.nachf.org), you might want to consider showing this story, and the court decision papers, to your attorney. This might be a good time for your attorney to send them a letter pointing out their new legal problems—and demanding removal of the information from their website within 24 hours. Your attorney might want to ask for compensation.

Stay tuned.

Tim Bolen, Consumer Advocate

[end quoting]

Any of you readers who have friends being persecuted by the medical mafia, be sure they see this article! It's a big win for the integrity of alternative medicine and your choice to pursue truly healthy options outside the confines of the big drug companies peddling their New World Order poisons.

And while we're on the subject of taking back our fundamental freedoms, this next item would make our Founding Fathers smile:

LOCAL OFFICIALS RISE-UP TO DEFY THE PATRIOT ACT

From the *Washington Post* for 4/21/03: [quoting]

by Evelyn Nieves, staff writer

ARCATA, California — This North Coast city may look sweet—old, low-to-the-ground buildings, town square with a bronze statue of William McKinley, ambling pickup trucks—but it acts like a radical.

Arcata was one of the first cities to pass resolutions against global warming and a unilateral war in Iraq. Last month, it joined the rising chorus of municipalities to pass a resolution urging local law enforcement officials and others contacted by federal officials to refuse requests under the *Patriot Act* that they believe violate an individual's civil rights under the *Constitution*. Then, the city went a step further.

This little city (population 16,000) has become the first

in the nation to pass an ordinance that outlaws voluntary compliance with the *Patriot Act*.

"I call this a nonviolent, preemptive attack" said David Meserve, the freshman City Council member who drafted the ordinance with the help of the Arcata city attorney, city manager, and police chief.

The Arcata ordinance may be the first, but it may not be the last. Across the country, citizens have been forming *Bill Of Rights* defense committees to fight what they consider the most egregious curbs on liberties contained in the *Patriot Act*. The 342-page *Act*, passed by Congress one month after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, with little input from a public still in shock, has been most publicly criticized by librarians and bookstore owners for the provisions that force them to secretly hand over information about a patron's reading and Internet habits.

But citizens' groups are becoming increasingly organized and forceful in rebuking the *Patriot Act* and the *Homeland Security Act* for giving the federal government too much power, especially since a draft of the Justice Department's proposed sequel to the *Patriot Act* (dubbed *Patriot II*) was publicly leaked in January.

[Editor's note: See the front-page feature story—titled **Fuhrer Ashcroft's Patriot Act II Shreds America's Soul; Public Exposure Only Antidote**—in our April 2003 issue of *The SPECTRUM* for details.]

Both the *Patriot Act* and the *Homeland Security Act*, which created the Cabinet-level department, follow the *Constitution*, says Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo. [And if you believe that, there's still a bridge for sale on the Moon.]

Federal law trumps local law in any case [not as our Founding Fathers created the blueprint for the United States], which would mean Arcata would be in for a fight—a fight it wants—if the feds did make a *Patriot Act* request.

LaRae Quy, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco FBI office, whose jurisdiction includes Arcata, said that the agency has no plans to use the *Patriot Act* in Arcata any time soon, but added that people misunderstand it. Although some people feel their privacy rights are being infringed upon, she said, the agency still has to show "probable cause for any actions we take".

But to date, 89 cities have passed resolutions condemning the *Patriot Act*, with at least a dozen more in the works and a statewide resolution against the

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act close to being passed in Hawaii. [And definitely passed in New Mexico; see next story.]

"We want the local police to do what they were meant to do—protect their citizens" said Nancy Talanian, co-director of the Bill Of Rights Defense Committee in Florence, Massachusetts, which gives advice to citizens' groups on how to draft their own resolution.

Although cities across the country passed antiwar resolutions before the attack on Iraq with little notice from the Bush Administration, Talanian said that the anti-Patriot Act resolutions are "not quite as symbolic" as those that passed against the war.

"Normally, the president and Congress don't pay that much attention when it comes to waging war" she said. "But in the case of the Patriot Act, the federal government can't really tell municipalities that you have to do the work that the INS or the FBI wants you to do. The city can say: 'No, I'm sorry. We hire our police to protect our citizens and we don't want our citizens pulled aside and thrown in jail without probable cause.'"

In Hawaii, home to many Japanese Americans who vividly recall the Japanese internments during World War II, Democratic state Rep. Roy Takumi introduced a resolution on the Patriot Act as a way to raise debate, he said. Although the resolution may be seen as symbolic, he said: **"States have every right to consider the concerns of the federal government and voice our opinions. If a number of states begin to pass similar resolutions, then it raises the bar for Congress, making them realize our concerns. I hope to see what we've done here plays a role in mobilizing people to take action."**

Lawmakers and lobbyists on both ends of the political spectrum are beginning to sound more alarms about the antiterrorism act, which gave the government unprecedented powers to spy on citizens. Rep. Bernard Sanders (I-VT) has introduced a bill, the *Freedom To Read Protection Act* (H.R. 1157), that would restore the privacy protections for library book borrowers and bookstore purchases. The bill has 73 co-sponsors.

Earlier this month, Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-WI), the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-MI), the ranking Democrat, asked the Justice Department for more information on the government's use of the Patriot Act to track terrorists, questioning what "tangible things" the government can subpoena in investigations of U.S. citizens.

Sensenbrenner and Conyers sent an 18-page letter to Attorney General John D. Ashcroft, challenging the department's increased use of "national security letters" requiring businesses to hand over electronic records on finances, telephone calls, e-mails, and other personal data.

They questioned the guidelines under which investigators can subpoena private books, records, papers, documents, and other items; asked whether the investigations targeted only people identified as agents of a foreign power; and asked the attorney general to "identify the specific authority relied on for issuing these letters".

The Justice Department said it is working on the request.

But citizens groups, worried about a timid Congress, are not waiting for their elected officials to act before launching a campaign against the proposed sequel to the Patriot Act, the *Domestic Security Enhancement Act*. The Idaho Green Party has begun the Paul Revere Project to stop Patriot Act II before it can be passed.

The proposed addendum to the Patriot Act, which the Justice Department has insisted is only a draft of ideas, would enlarge many of the controversial provisions in the first Patriot Act. It would give the government authority to wiretap an individual and collect a person's DNA without court orders, detain people in secret, and revoke citizenship, among other powers.

The proposed sequel to the act has galvanized communities in a bottom-up, grass-roots way, Talanian said. "Before a community votes on resolutions, they engage in forums and petitioning to show the town council they want this. After, communities band together and do things like visit the offices of their entire congressional delegations and say our communities have these concerns and now we are asking you to help."

In Arcata, where forums drew little debate, the new law is an unqualified hit. It passed by a vote of 4 to 1, but has what looks like near-unanimous approval from residents.

Meserve, a weather-worn builder and contractor in his fifties who wears a ponytail and flannel shirts, hasn't felt so popular since he won his council seat running on the platform: "The Federal Government Has Gone Stark, Raving Mad."

"The ordinance went through so easily that we were surprised" he said. "We started going up to people asking what they thought. They thought 'great'. It's our citywide form of nonviolent disobedience."

The fine for breaking the new law,

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which goes into effect May 2, is \$57. It applies only to the top nine managers of the city, telling them they have to refer any Patriot Act request to the City Council.

[end quoting]

And there you have a fine grass-roots example of how the freedom of a once-great nation can be recovered by we-the-people acting in unison—the worst fear of the New World Order engineers. And here's another example, from the STATE level, that also just passed in Hawaii:

NEW MEXICO REJECTS U.S. PATRIOT LAW HJM-40 PASSED BY A 53-11 VOTE ON MONDAY 4/28/03

From the legis.state.nm.us website, for 4/28/03: [quoting]

House Joint Memorial 40
46th Legislature
State Of New Mexico
First Session, 2003

Introduced by Max Coll

A JOINT MEMORIAL AFFIRMING CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES; DECLARING OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL MEASURES THAT INFRINGE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is proud of its long and distinguished tradition of protecting the civil rights and liberties of its residents; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a diverse population, including immigrants and students, whose contributions to the community are vital to its economy,

culture, and civic character; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of civil rights and liberties is essential to the well-being of a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local governments should protect the public from terrorist attacks such as those that occurred on September 11, 2001 and should do so in a rational and deliberative fashion to ensure that a new security measure will enhance public safety without impairing constitutional rights or infringing on civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, government security measures that undermine fundamental rights do damage to American institutions and values that the residents of New Mexico hold dear; and

WHEREAS, the house of representatives believes that there is no inherent conflict between national security and the preservation of liberty and that Americans can be both safe and free; and

WHEREAS, federal policies adopted since September 11, 2001, including provisions in Public Law 107-56, known as the *USA Patriot Act*, and related Executive Orders, regulations, and actions threaten fundamental rights and liberties by:

A. authorizing the indefinite incarceration of non-citizens based on mere suspicion and the indefinite incarceration of citizens designated by the president as "enemy combatants" without access to counsel or meaningful recourse to the federal courts;

B. limiting the authority of federal courts to curb law enforcement abuse of electronic surveillance in anti-terrorism and ordinary criminal investigations;

C. expanding the authority of federal agents to conduct so-called "sneak and peek" or "black bag" searches, in which the subject of the search warrant has not been notified that his or her property has been searched;

D. granting federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies broad access to personal, medical, financial, library, and educational records with little, if any, judicial oversight;

E. chilling constitutionally protected speech through overly broad definitions of "terrorism";

F. driving a wedge between immigrant communities and the police that protect them by encouraging involvement of state and local police in the enforcement of federal immigration law; and

G. permitting the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct surveillance of religious services, internet chat rooms, political demonstrations, and public meetings of any kind without evidence that a crime has been or may be committed; and

WHEREAS, these new powers pose a particular threat to the civil rights and liberties of the residents of New Mexico state who are or who are assumed to be Arab, Muslim, or of South Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, other communities throughout the country have enacted resolutions reaffirming support for civil rights and civil liberties in the face of government policies that threaten these values and have demanded accountability from law enforcement agencies regarding their use of these new powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it:

A. affirm its strong support for fundamental constitutional rights and its opposition to federal measures that infringe on these rights and liberties;

B. affirm its strong support for the rights of immigrants and oppose measures that single out individuals for legal scrutiny or enforcement activity based on their country of origin;

C. direct the New Mexico state police to:

(1) refrain from participating in the enforcement of federal immigration laws;

(2) seek adequate written assurances from federal authorities that residents of the state of New Mexico and individuals in the custody of the state who are placed in federal custody will not be subjected to military or secret detention or secret immigration proceedings without access to counsel and, absent such written assurances, refrain from assisting federal authorities to obtain custody of these individuals;

(3) refrain from engaging in the surveillance of individuals or groups of individuals based on their participation in activities protected by the *First Amendment* to the *United States Constitution*, such as

political advocacy or the practice of a religion, without reasonable and particularized suspicion of criminal conduct unrelated to the activity protected by the *First Amendment* to the *United States Constitution*;

(4) refrain from using race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin as a factor in selecting who is subject to investigatory activities unless race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin is part of the description of a specific suspect to be apprehended;

(5) refrain, whether acting alone or with federal law enforcement officers, from collecting or maintaining information about the political, religious, or social views, associations, or activities of any individual, group, association, organization, corporation, business, or partnership unless such information directly relates to an investigation of criminal activity and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the subject of the information is or may be involved in criminal conduct;

(6) provide advance or simultaneous notice of the execution of a search warrant to any resident of the state of New Mexico whose property is the subject of the search and refrain from participating in a joint search with any law enforcement agency absent assurances that such a notice will be provided;

(7) refrain from undertaking or participating in any initiative, such as the terrorist information and prevention system, also known as TIPS, that encourages members of the general public to spy on their neighbors, colleagues, or customers;

(8) refrain from the practice of stopping drivers or pedestrians for the purpose of scrutinizing their identification documents without reasonable and particularized suspicion of criminal activity; and

(9) report to the Legislature and the interim Corrections Oversight And Justice Committee, any request by federal authorities that, if granted, would cause agencies of the state to exercise powers or cooperate in the exercise of powers in apparent violation of a city ordinance or the laws or constitution of this state or of the United States;

D. direct public schools and institutions of higher education to provide notice to individuals whose education records have been obtained by law enforcement agents pursuant to Section 507 of the *USA Patriot Act*;

E. direct public libraries to post in a prominent place within the library a notice as follows: "WARNING: Under

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Section 215 of the federal *USA Patriot Act* (Public Law 107-56), records of books and other materials you borrow from this library may be obtained by federal agents. This law also prohibits librarians from informing you if records about you have been obtained by federal agents. Questions about this policy should be directed to Attorney General John Ashcroft, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.”; and

F. direct the state official in charge of homeland security for New Mexico to seek periodically from federal authorities the following information in a form that facilitates an assessment of the effect of federal anti-terrorism efforts on the residents of the state of New Mexico and provide to the Legislature and the interim Corrections Oversight And Justice Committee, no less than once every six months, a summary of the information obtained:

(1) the names of all residents of New Mexico who have been arrested or otherwise detained by federal authorities as a result of terrorism investigations since September 11, 2001, and:

- (a) the location of each detainee;
- (b) the circumstances that led to each detention;
- (c) the charges, if any, lodged against each detainee; and
- (d) the name of counsel, if any, representing each detainee;

(2) the number of search warrants that have been executed in New Mexico without notice to the subject of the warrant pursuant to Section 213 of the *USA Patriot Act*;

(3) the extent of electronic surveillance carried out in the state pursuant to powers granted in the *USA Patriot Act*;

(4) the extent to which federal authorities are monitoring political meetings, religious gatherings, or other activities within New Mexico that are protected by the *First Amendment* of the *United States Constitution*;

(5) the number of times education records have been obtained from public schools and institutions of higher learning in New Mexico pursuant to Section 507 of the *USA Patriot Act*;

(6) the number of times library records have been obtained from libraries in New Mexico pursuant to Section 215 of the *USA Patriot Act*; and

(7) the number of times records of books purchased by store patrons have been obtained from bookstores in New Mexico pursuant to Section 215 of the *USA Patriot Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to

Senators Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici and Representatives Tom Udall, Heather Wilson, and Steve Pearce, with a letter urging them to monitor federal anti-terrorism tactics and to work to repeal provisions of the *USA Patriot Act* and other laws and regulations that infringe on civil rights and liberties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to President George W. Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the state official in charge of homeland security for New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico state police and to all public schools, institutions of higher education, and public libraries within the state of New Mexico.

[end quoting]

It's about time the states began to assert their rights and begin to return the federal government to its rightful position as a SERVANT to the states and citizenry, rather than the swaggering big bully on the block.

States are largely controlled by the withholding of federal funds if states don't comply with federal mandates. But why should the states forward so much of their revenues to Washington DC in the first place, and then beg for a small percentage back? It's about time the states adopted this tactic—by withholding funds to the federal government—thus taking back their rightful control over a federal government that's gotten way too big and bossy.

Make sure YOUR state legislative leaders know about this action taken so far in New Mexico and Hawaii and, as united groups of citizenry, strongly urge them to adopt a similar measure. The more states that stand up for their rights, the less power is allowed into the hands of out-of-control crooks in Washington.

Speaking of which, here's the latest rundown on how persistently the cancer is trying to grow:

RUMSFELD PUSHES FOR PENTAGON TOTAL CONTROL (MILITARY DICTATORSHIP?)

From the www.scoop.co.nz website, for 5/5/03: [quoting]

Below are a series of short news excerpts concerning the latest legal developments in the War on Terror on the U.S. home-front. Some of you will already be familiar with debate over *Patriot Act II*, which if passed would effectively end the law of habeas corpus

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and the right to legal representation in the United States. The stories below concern two other proposed law changes which have received far less attention.

Firstly there is a Pentagon Bill to give Rumsfeld what looks like effective absolute control at the Pentagon—eliminating Congressional oversight and granting him apparently unlimited powers to contract on behalf of the U.S. Government—and an *Intelligence Bill* which would, if passed, give the CIA and Pentagon powers to spy domestically inside the United States.

(From www.thenation.com, 4/29/03:)

The Nation's Daily Outrage: Two-Front Rumsfeld

Brace yourself. The Defense Secretary is pushing a 205-page Bill through Congress that would (take a deep breath):

- Strip Defense Department employees of their unions, whistleblower protections, annual pay raises, and rights to appeal disciplinary actions;
- Let the Defense Secretary dole out no-bid, no-oversight, no-accountability contracts worth billions (one observer calls it “the Halliburton Bill of Rights”);
- Exempt the military from environmental and wildlife protection rules on more than 23 million acres of American lands;
- Free the Pentagon from dozens of requirements it reports to Congress.

Dissing Congress seems only fair. As long as the Pentagon is offering contempt to taxpayers, the environment, and its own workers, why should it pretend it respects our elected representatives? Especially since Congress doesn't respect itself.

Rumsfeld's bill is moving up Capitol Hill with a bullet. It was being discussed

this morning at a House subcommittee hearing, and soon could make its way into the front pages.

(From www.newsday.com, 5/3/03:)

New Powers To Snoop
Sought Domestic Access For CIA, Army

by Tom Brune, Washington Bureau

Washington — The Bush Administration is secretly trying to expand the investigative powers of the CIA and military, allowing them to demand personal and business records of people in this country, government officials confirmed yesterday.

If enacted, the new powers would broaden the scope under which the CIA and Defense Department could legally gather sensitive records from businesses and other organizations in the pursuit of foreign intelligence and terrorism investigations, civil liberties advocates and experts said yesterday.

Government intelligence and law enforcement officials sought to downplay the significance of the administration's proposal yesterday, saying it probably was going nowhere.

Civil libertarians and privacy advocates called the proposal an "outrage" and complained it represents "a radical change in U.S. law" that should be openly debated as an important policy matter and not discussed only behind closed doors.

The provision containing the proposal was quietly attached to the *Intelligence Authorization Bill* being considered in confidential sessions of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee, officials said.

(From www.nytimes.com, 5/2/03:)

Broad Domestic Role Asked For
C.I.A. And The Pentagon

By Eric Lichtblau and James Risén

WASHINGTON, May 1 — The Bush Administration and leading Senate Republicans sought today to give the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon far-reaching new powers to demand personal and financial records on people in the United States as part of foreign intelligence and terrorism operations, officials said.

The proposal, **WHICH WAS BEATEN BACK**, would have given the C.I.A. and the military the authority to issue administrative subpoenas—known as "national security letters"—requiring Internet providers, credit card companies, libraries, and a range of other

organizations to produce materials like phone records, bank transactions, and e-mail logs. That authority now rests largely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the subpoenas do not require court approval.

The surprise proposal was tucked into a broader *Intelligence Authorization Bill* now pending before Congress. It set off fierce debate today in a closed-door meeting of the Senate Intelligence Committee, officials said. Democrats on the panel said they were stunned by the proposal because it appeared to expand significantly the role of the C.I.A. and the Pentagon in conducting domestic operations, despite a long history of tight restrictions, officials said.

After raising objections, Senator Dianne Feinstein of California and other Democrats succeeded in getting the provision pulled from the *Authorization Bill*, at least temporarily, Congressional officials said.

In a closed vote, the committee passed the bill unanimously without the proposal. But Senator Pat Roberts, the Kansas Republican who is chairman of the Intelligence Committee, indicated to panel members that he wanted to hold further hearings on the idea, officials said.

There was some disagreement over exactly how the provision originated. Several Senate aides active in the debate said that Senator Roberts had included it in the *Authorization Bill*. But a senior Congressional official said the Bush Administration had initiated the proposal and that Senator Roberts had not objected.

A C.I.A. official said the provision had come from the Bush Administration, after the White House's Office of Management and Budget signed off on it.

The official said that Congressional leaders had asked the Bush Administration whether there were any additional powers needed to help combat terrorism. The Administration responded with the proposal to give the C.I.A. and military the power to use the national security letters, the official said. Another Congressional official said the move came at the urging of the C.I.A. The White House had no comment last night.

Because the F.B.I. now has primary responsibility for domestic intelligence operations, the C.I.A. and the military must currently go to the F.B.I. to request that it issue a national security letter to get access to financial and electronic records.

[end quoting]

And then consider the following, which illustrates how public exposure can be a very effective antidote to the cancer:

PENTAGON REVERSES POLICY AT
ELEVENTH HOUR, AVERTS
"PUBLIC-RELATIONS NIGHTMARE"

From the www.tompaine.com website, 4/30/03: [quoting]

Rumsfeld Blinks

Averting what one veterans' advocate called a "public-relations nightmare", the Pentagon reversed itself yesterday by announcing that it has now decided to perform medical exams on troops returning from the Iraq war, as required by law. The military must test troops both before and after deployment, according to Public Law 105-85, but the Pentagon has admitted that it did not test troops bound for the Iraqi conflict, and it had said it would not do so upon their return. The Pentagon's admission and its intransigence led to criticism from veterans' advocates, members of Congress, and doctors who advised the military on soldiers' health.

That criticism inspired today's *TomPaine.com* opinion advertisement on the op-ed page of the *New York Times*, and accompanying articles posted at the www.TomPaine.com website. The Pentagon made its announcement yesterday at 6:20 pm, long after the Op Ad had been submitted to the *Times* and after the articles were posted online.

The announcement "looked like a pre-emptive strike" by the Pentagon's press office, said Steve Robinson, a former Army Ranger who now heads the National Gulf War Resource Center, a veterans' advocate. "At the eleventh hour and the fifty-ninth minute, it appears that DoD has averted a public relations nightmare by changing certain aspects of the deployment policy for soldiers. Someone must have gotten wind that this ad by *TomPaine.com* was going to run."

"When Mr. Rumsfeld says that America has conducted the Iraq war with 'compassion', just remember: He's the guy who disobeyed a law passed to protect our soldiers' health" said *TomPaine.com* editor John Moyers. "When he's about to get a black eye in the media, he shows plenty of compassion—for his reputation."

[end quoting]

The moral of this story is a lesson in well-placed public pressure on the crooks in Washington. As stated just above, IMAGE is everything to these conscience-deficient empty shells, and if

public exposure can be used as an effective persuasion to induce moral actions from those otherwise empty shells, then that's surely a technique to keep handy in the citizens' arsenal.

ENTIRE PLANET ROCKED
BY SEISMIC ACTIVITY:
POLE - SHIFT COMING?

I sent intuitive Anna Detweiler an email requesting her to respond to the following article—her response is attached at the end.

From the *wrightworld.net/poleshiftnews.htm* website, 4/23/03:

[quoting]

Since March 5th there have been a number of worldwide seismic events recorded on USGS Live Internet Seismic Servers. We have been witnessing an amazing series of seismographic images from diverse places around the globe, showing a simultaneous worldwide seismic event in progress. I would urge everyone to keep a watchful eye for more such activity. It's a definite prelude to a pole-shift.

These seismic events are unprecedented and have not been witnessed before. It is scientifically impossible under current geological theory for tremors to be occurring in diverse places around the Earth, on different tectonic plates thousands of miles apart, unless there is something happening at the core of the planet upon which the entire mantle of the planet comes into contact. And for this to be happening repeatedly is certainly most unusual, and was never seen before March 5th.

From: *planetx2003@yahoo.com*

Dear Friends,

We are experiencing some very unusual Earth changing activities at this time. A new phenomenon has developed, one we have termed Global Quakes. The first one to be reported occurred on March 5, 2003.

We recommend that you stay informed of these developments by tuning into Prof. James McCanney's Thursday night radio shows [see last month's SPECTRUM], streamlined on the Internet at *www.realityradionetwork.com* and find your way to a program called *At The Crossroads*. You can also check our *www.planetx2003.com* website for any message alerts. For now, we are only posting the regular egroup messages under the egroup tabs. Should anything significant develop, we will create an Alert Page, set up for quick reference.

Subject: Entire Planet Rocked

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"Dear Friends: Again thanks for another super edition of *The SPECTRUM*. I don't have a computer, so the only news I have of introduction to these people who are impacting humanity is through you. Wouldn't it be great if the media made all this information available to the masses? Oh, what a different world we'd have! And, if it was not for you, where would others of us be? In the dark, I expect." — **D.W. from NC**

"Just finished the Rick Martin article about McCanney in the May issue. I just wanted to congratulate you. What a great job you guys are doing." — **D.D. from NV**

"How you bless us all with another exceptional magazine! The very best reading on the market, and 100 pages yet—more like a book. I will never be able to understand how you do it." — **G.B. from KS**

"Thank you so much for a newsmagazine that will tell it like it is and not full of lies. You are very brave people and we hope you will continue to bring the truth to readers like me." — **G.M. from AZ**

"Rick, WHAT a feature story! [May 2003 issue.] The best yet I've read on Planet X (etc.), and I still have about 4 pages to go before I finish it. Thank God for the Prof. McCanneys in the world who've got the guts to tell it like it is, and thank God for *The SPECTRUM* who has the guts to publish it!" — **J.T. from AZ**

"We realize how much we would miss *The SPECTRUM* because, when it doesn't arrive at the usual date for whatever reason—WOW, do we miss it! Thank you so much." — **L.&J.L. from NJ**

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From: Anna D.

To: "alo"

Hi Al,

This e-mail makes me sit up very straight and take notice of what may be happening. You have probably noticed that in the last few weeks I have not been writing much. One reason is the beautiful and busy springtime that is upon us, but another reason has been that I seem to be tuning into something else; I can't quite put my finger on what it is.

It is something going on within the Earth that feels strange and uncomfortable. I used to only feel it periodically, but it is now where I feel it almost continuously. I have searched for the place where this feeling originates,

including something within my own body, and most of the time it seems to be coming from the Earth.

There are days when I want it all to just go away so I can concentrate on what I need to do, but it is not even something that I can shield myself from. If I would explain it in terms where people have some idea what it feels like—it is like a tone that is not harmonizing with the tone that I am. And I do not feel comfortable changing my tone to match the tone that is steadily being put out.

So it feels most of the time like the Earth and I are singing a very discordant song together! If I change my tone to match that tone, it is a long, drawn out scream/wail type of sound. Like the

Earth is crying out in agony.

I have looked to see if it is the collective consciousness creating the tone, but even that doesn't seem to fit.

At this point I'm watching with my "eyes" wide open. These global earthquakes certainly fit into the scenario of something big to come. Someday I will know what is happening.

Nibiru may very well be coming onto our doorstep and/or some other catastrophic event may be close, too. I am ready to go on through with it whenever the time comes.

May the Balance of The One Light be with us all! Love and Peace, Anna

[end quoting]

It's wise to be prepared for some perhaps drastic events immediately ahead. But please don't act out of fear, but out of common sense. The elite controllers are trying their best to keep us suffocating in a state of fear.

[Editor's note: The timely message from Soltec, shared elsewhere in this issue of The SPECTRUM, will likely provide additional insight concerning what is happening to Mother Earth at this time. And, as well, insight concerning some of Anna's weather-related commentary shared in the following item, too.]

ANNA'S COMMENTS ON PLANET-X AND WEIRD WEATHER

This is Anna's reply to a question about Planet X and strange Earth weather that I sent to her 4/30/03: [quoting]

This post makes me go hmmm. The reason for it is that I have also been watching for Planet X and in the last two weeks the area where I thought was the place to look has moved increasingly close to the sunset. There is no way I could still be viewing the right area at 11 p.m.! Here, by the time it is dark enough in the right area to look, the area has moved into the horizon. Or am I not

looking at the right area? Have any of you been looking?

I did, one night about three nights ago, have a moment when I was viewing and an orange flash seemed to hit my eyes. But it was not clear enough and it was so momentary that I questioned whether it was real or imagined. Also, there was a lot of light pollution when it happened.

I find it very interesting with the earthquakes that are ongoing and happening in places that are "diverse"! There were people in this area who felt the quake in Alabama, but I didn't.

We had something of a thunderstorm last night, but I have never heard thunder that sounded so strange. It sounded more like an air quake than thunder and the sound seemed to roll for miles. Also, it was thundering at very random places, not like in a concentrated place at all.

As for Planet X, I still believe it is coming our way; it's the date it will arrive that is uncertain for me. I know people all over are saying it should be seen clearly by now, but I have always stated that it is a very dark planet and will be very difficult to spot. My solution is to be prepared for something like that; then proceed to live my life to the fullest! Love and Peace, Anna

[end quoting]

Good advice. And many of you who are paying attention to weather behavior are likely noticing oddities similar to what Anna describes above.

ANALYST STEWART SWERDLOW'S NEWS BRIEFS AND COMMENTS

From the *stewartswerdlow.com* website, 5/1/03: [quoting]

In this regularly updated column, Stewart discusses current events based upon his personal knowledge and experience of Illuminati plans for the Earth.

The Truth Will Make You Unemployed: (4/1/03)

NBC fired correspondent Peter Arnett for granting an interview to Iraqi state-controlled television. In the interview, Arnett said that the coalition war plan had failed because of Iraq's resistance. In 1991, Arnett reported that the allies bombed a baby milk factory when the U.S. military said it was a biological weapons plant. In 1998, while working for CNN, Arnett said that in 1970 the U.S. bombed a Laotian village using Sarin nerve gas to kill U.S. defectors. He was fired. Apparently, telling the truth is dangerous to your career. There is also the case of the U.S. Country & Western group, the Dixie Chicks, who while on tour in London, told the audience that they were ashamed that President Bush was from Texas. Radio stations all over the U.S. blackballed them and encouraged ticket buyers for their upcoming U.S. tour to return the tickets and boycott the shows. The group was forced to issue two public apologies to the President and the U.S. public. Free country? Freedom of speech? Finally, Geraldo Rivera, famed loud-mouthed reporter, former talk-show host, and sensationalist, was escorted from Iraq to the Kuwait border for reporting on Fox News the location of the 101st Battalion. In the New World Order, news is what you are told it is. Truth no longer exists. Get used to it.

FBI International: (4/1/03)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which was designed to catch interstate criminals in the U.S.A. alone, is now expanding to include offices in Jakarta, Kabul, Sarajevo, Belgrade, Abu Dhabi, Kuala Lumpur, Tunis, San'a and Tbilisi. They will also expand offices in Ottawa, Seoul, London, Berlin, and Moscow. In addition, the U.S. and U.K. are combining their police cooperation, in effect, unifying the two forces. What we are seeing here is the formation of a global police/monitoring force. It is all under the guise of national security—but these other nations are all allowing it.

Osama Is Laughing: (4/1/03)

We should not be concerned about chemical/biological attacks in the U.S. The government is killing people instead. There has been a third fatal heart attack as a result of the smallpox vaccination that was supposed to keep us alive in case of a nonexistent terrorist attack. The Center for Disease Control is looking into the possibility of a link between the vaccination and heart inflammation. (Ya think?!) Instead of worrying about bogus terrorist attacks, we should be concerned about the various ways our own government is killing us.



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Unopposed: (4/1/03)

Many states in the U.S. have decided to cancel the 2004 February Presidential Primary because they say: "President Bush is likely to be unopposed and it would save local clerks millions of dollars." Well, that's a lame excuse to have a single-party dictatorship. This is becoming a very scary and serious political situation. This staged war in Asia is going to be used as an excuse to eliminate what is left of the few freedoms we still have. Someone should get America's tombstone ready.

Interesting Global Bits: (4/8/03)

• The University of Hawaii announced that it discovered six more "moons" orbiting Jupiter, traveling in the opposite direction of Jupiter's rotation. This doesn't make logical sense. Wouldn't the pull of that gigantic world force smaller objects to move in the same direction? Unless, of course, these moons are not moons at all.

• The Weather Research Center and Colorado State University predict a severe hurricane season from June to November in the Atlantic Basin. Better get your supplies on hand now and prepare for heavy ELF bombardment.

[Editor's note: Again, be sure to see Soltec's message in this issue of The SPECTRUM for the larger picture of what's going on here; and Stewart is right-on with his cautions above and directly below.]

• The Stromboli volcano in Southern Italy is erupting again. We should also keep an eye on Mt. Etna and the volcanos in Japan, Mexico, Indonesia, Hawaii, and Colombia.

• Starbucks closed all their shops in Tel Aviv due to management difficulties. No fooling! Did you ever try to work with an Israeli?

SARS SCARS: (4/8/03)

Here we have another created illness, purposely entered into the population in order to legally impose vaccinations, quarantines, and take copious blood samples. Most of the world did not buy the smallpox, anthrax, or chemical weapon scares, and refused to take shots. Here we have a way to show actual deaths and horrible symptoms to terrify the population into submission. You will be comforted to know that the NIH, CDC, WHO, and FDA and many other acronyms are developing a wonderful vaccine for a global illness they claim to know little about.

What Did They Know? (4/8/03)

Reporters are dropping like flies in Iraq. Michael Kelly of ABC News was killed in a Humvee accident, and David Bloom died of a pulmonary embolism.

Both, allegedly, not combat related. Another foreign journalist was killed when he got out of a vehicle and stepped on a landmine. We saw the same type of journalistic attrition in Afghanistan, including the ritualistic murder of Daniel Pearl. My question is: why were these young, healthy men killed? What did they see or find out that was unacceptable for public knowledge? We may never know. Condolences to their families.

From Tunnels To Looting: (4/14/03)

The American occupation of Iraq's major cities has resulted in incessant looting of palaces, administration centers, and government buildings. Worst of all, the Iraqi National Museum was completely stripped of ancient, irreplaceable artifacts from Sumer and Mesopotamia.

Another issue that has arisen is the famous tunnel system under Baghdad and other parts of Iraq. Most of the surface tunnels are new, built by Serbian, German, and Chinese engineering firms.

There are about 60-100 miles of these newer tunnels that are layered hundreds of feet deep. This is in preparation eventually to tell the public of a vast, secret cavern and tunnel system under Iraq that supposedly contains a stargate built millennia ago by Lyraen refugees from Mars. I will write more about this in the next few weeks.

Who's Next? (4/19/03)

With Iraq under U.S. control, sights are set on the rest of the Islamic world that does not acquiesce to the New World Order agenda. Syria, called a "rogue nation" by White House Spokesman Ari Fleischer, will be politically forced to give up its "unacceptable" ways. There is no way that Syria could defend itself against a U.S./U.K. invasion. We shall see Syria change from within, rather quickly. Same goes for North Korea, which is in no condition for war. Next in line will be Iran, which will probably put up a bit of a fight. This will be followed by some former Soviet Republics in Central Asia. Meanwhile, Israel and China smile with glee!

The Land Of The Free? (4/19/03)

Americans no longer live in a free country. Duh! We can no longer say what we feel without being ridiculed or persecuted. It is the USSA. If you are not a country-singing, ass-kicking, Bush-praising warmonger, then you are not a good American. That is the way it is right now.

The new *Patriot Act* is "shrouded in secrecy" according to Wisconsin Republican James Sensenbrenner. He says that the Justice Department has most

of the *Act* classified as "top-secret". What? Who works for whom? The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) claims that the government will be allowed under this new law to "enter homes, conduct searches, download computer contents and Internet viewing histories without informing the occupant that such a search was conducted". This is scary and violates the now defunct *Constitution* that Americans hold so dear.

The *U.S.A. Patriot Act* also gives the government "broad new powers to use wiretaps, electronic and computer eavesdropping and searches, and the authority to access a wide range of financial and other information in its investigation". *Patriot Act*? This is an Act of Treason!

A few thousand Americans are protesting this new police-dictatorship under GB Jr. by refusing to pay their Federal Income Tax this year. They don't want their hard-earned money to go to the murder of civilians in helpless countries.

The Internal Revenue Service is warning them of dire consequences. What happened to the U.S.? When did we lose our right to speak out and disagree? When did we become controlled slaves of the government, instead of the government being freely-elected politicians working for us? The U.S. is becoming like the Iraq we supposedly "liberated". Who will liberate us?

Bad Baghdad Lab: (4/20/03)

"Looters" have ravaged the health research center of Iraq, releasing a

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“sickening stew of germs and bacteria” according to U.S. authorities. Contaminated lab animals are roaming freely on the grounds outside. The Marine lieutenant in charge of this area of the city said he was never told that this building was within his territory to be guarded. Meanwhile, no weapons of mass destruction have been found anywhere in Iraq. So, what is the REAL reason for the invasion? The Iraqi populace now wants the Americans and British forces to leave.

From Russia Without Love: (4/20/03)

This last week, another Russian lawmaker was killed outside of his apartment building. He is the 9th politician to be killed this way in Russia since 1994. There was no known reason for his assassination. All of the deaths have been the work of professional killers according to the Moscow Chief of Police. Most killings in Russia are motivated by money deals and to eliminate competitions or squealers. Very rarely are any solved.

WMD: (4/22/03)

No weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq. The cover story now is that an Iraqi scientist claims they were destroyed just days before the invasion. Really? If I were Saddam, I would have saved them to use on the invaders. Why would he want to destroy his only hope of defending his country? Makes no sense—because it is a lie. The Iraqi people now want the Americans out. Let’s see what happens when they don’t leave.

What will happen in Syria or Iran? What will they do with North Korea and Afghanistan? When will they bring up Libya, Cuba, Sudan, and the former Soviet Republics? Then, the Israelis and Palestinians have been acting up again. That will soon explode all over again, especially when Syria is targeted. Keep an eye on the Philippines, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, and Myanmar (Burma).

Things will heat up and come to a head from the end of May through October 2003.

Scheduled News: (4/22/03)

If you look at how news stories are scheduled and staged, the news media becomes like another Hollywood studio. The amazing story of Elizabeth Smart being found in broad daylight was abruptly ended by the start of the Iraqi war. Literally, the day that war was concluded, the bodies of Laci Peterson and her unborn son were found in San Francisco Bay after a four month search. Even Larry King, on CNN, said it was as if the news stories were planned for certain days!

The arrest of Scott Peterson was not much of a surprise. He has always been a suspect in the death of his wife and unborn child. However, the bodies were found in an odd manner. The headless body of Laci was found separated from the nearly full-term baby boy, named Connor. How did the fetus separate from the body, yet be found nearby the mother? Then, a suspicious tarp washed up a couple of days later. This all seems rather staged. A headless victim and a removed fetus seem like evidence of a ritual murder.

The victims disappeared on Christmas Eve, and were identified on Good Friday, right before Easter. Hmmm! Scott Peterson was arrested in San Diego. He had dyed his hair blond, grew a goatee, and had \$10,000 cash on him. Was he headed to Mexico? I believe that he is a mind-controlled slave, specifically a male Monarch. The truth may never come out as the media already has him portrayed as a monstrous murderer who deserves the death penalty. Perhaps he was running for his own life. I think he knows more about what happened than he is allowed to say. Stay tuned.

Who’s Crazy? (4/22/03)

The Government Accounting Office (GAO) has announced that almost 13,000 mentally ill children have been turned over to foster care or juvenile detention centers all over the U.S. because their families can no longer afford to care for them. Once turned over, these children are in the custody of the juvenile justice system or the child welfare system. Either way, the parents no longer have a say in their care and the families may never regain custody. The health system in the U.S. over the past decade has been to make healthcare almost unobtainable by the lower and middle class, therefore, making difficult home situations impossible to continue. Insurance companies refuse to pay for many medicines and procedures. Elderly and juvenile healthcare problems then are unaffordable and adults turn their children and parents over to the government. What if the New World Order decides to euthanize patients who are deemed permanently disabled and unproductive? Scary thought.

Getting Us Ready For a Staged Invasion? (4/26/03)

UFO Crashes In Russian Harbor
Near Baltic Fleet

(This article was sent in by a reader.)
KALININGRAD, RUSSIA — Skywatch International Inc. reports that James L. Choron provided information regarding a crash of an unknown craft on Friday, April 18, 2003. The entire Russian

Baltic Fleet and a large number of residents of Kaliningrad (formerly Koenigsburg), a city of over 3 million inhabitants, in the Russian Baltic enclave on the Baltic Sea, watched in awe as a “flying wing”-shaped UFO winged over rapidly and plunged into Kaliningrad Harbor at 6:17 PM, local time. The event was caught on videotape by a local RTR Russian State Television news crew, which was present on the massive naval base, filming a documentary segment on the fleet for airing on Russian television. The UFO, described as a “flying wing” with two elongated, dome-like protrusions on top, and three similar structures underneath, was flying over the Baltic Fleet. According to a Russian Naval Commander, the craft was apparently caught, accidentally, within the sweep patterns of ship-mounted search radars, which came on to track it’s progress, causing some sort of malfunction which resulted in the crash. “It was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed” he said to RTR reporters on the scene. “It was very low, not more than 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) altitude, when our radars came on. It simply winged over and dove into the water, as if it has lost either power or control.” The light gray-colored craft, with no apparent “seams” or rivet patterns visible, was estimated by onlookers to be the size of a small airliner, and traveling at speeds in excess of Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound), was absolutely quiet as it passed, but made a “tremendous noise” as it plunged into the water, causing a geyser of steam and water, mixed with small debris, which shot an estimated 500 meters (1500 feet) into the air.

A civilian onlooker said: “Whoever was in control of the craft made a deliberate effort to take it away from the naval ships and the shoreline before it went into the harbor.” One Sovremeni-Class Destroyer was lightly damaged by flying debris, but so far no casualties have been reported. Radiation levels at the site are high, but the source of the radiation, as well as it’s nature, have yet to be determined. Russian authorities from the Ministry of Health are quick to point out that the radiation levels are not dangerous, simply “higher than normal”. So far, debris recovered have been small, averaging less than a meter (just over three feet) in diameter, at the largest. Most debris recovered, to date, have been what appear to be “skin material” of an unknown alloy, and interior bracing and piping, composed of a very high grade and extremely pure aluminum. All metal debris have been dispatched to various

institutes and universities for analysis, including the prestigious Bauman Institute of Engineering in Moscow, and the Moscow State University School of Metallurgy. It is considered highly doubtful that any significant remains of crew, if, in fact, the vehicle was piloted, will be recovered. "This looks like your basic 'hair, teeth, and eyeballs' situation, one Russian Navy diver said, somewhat grimly. It is interesting to note that, in spite of the high speed at which the craft was traveling, and it's extremely low altitude, there was no characteristic "sonic boom" associated with it's approach, and no noticeable vibration on the ground. This has led many observers, especially those associated with the Russian military establishment, to speculate that the propulsion system of the craft was based on some sort of "antigravity" device. "Whatever it was" said one Russian Naval Captain, "it was certainly not one of our craft, and I am also not aware of anything of this sort being present in the West." The immediate area of the crash will be dredged, starting in the next several days.

The entire episode is noteworthy in that it was not only captured on videotape by an RTR news crew, but was instantly aired, not only on RTR, but on all major Russian network television, via a live feed from the RTR crew in Kaliningrad. Updates have followed on each regular news broadcast since the initial downing. Russian Government officials are quick to point out that the downing was, in fact, accidental, and not a "shoot down".

Divers, however, report that the water in the vicinity of the crash is, in fact, noticeably several degrees warmer than normal. The water surrounding the crash site is, understandably, reported to be "murky" with extremely poor visibility. This leads many of the divers and supervisory personnel to speculate that at least one relatively large fragment might exist. *Wintersteel* enjoys a very good relationship with the Russian Navy, as well as with the mainstream Russian media, and will be posting photographs of the site, and debris recovered, as soon as they become available. Thanks to Skywatch International and James Chorton, *Wintersteel*.

Note: It seems a crash of this magnitude would be reported worldwide. It seems that if we wanted to obtain intelligence on the Russian fleet, satellites would have been used rather than a low-flying craft. The Russians and the U.S. are thought to own craft of this description.

Like A Hole In The Head: (4/26/03)

There was an interesting ceremony at the Karbala, Iraq shrine to Imam Hussein, a saint for the Shiite Muslims. In this ritual, which was depicted in color in U.S. newspapers, Shiite pilgrims slash their heads open with swords to let their blood flow over their faces and white tunics. This ritual was banned under Saddam's rule. There are many programming and triggering connotations to this dangerous and barbaric ceremony. First of all, it takes place in Karbala, the birthplace of Kabala, under the Jewish exile in Babylon. It is an outgrowth of ancient Sumerian/Babylonian blood sacrifices to Reptilian gods. Secondly, slashing open the head signifies a symbolic willingness to open the mind for programming. Globally, it depicts humans as sacrifices and as mindless victims. Aren't you grateful that U.S. occupation of Iraq has allowed this banned ceremony to be re-enacted?

Red Flag! (4/26/03)

I recently received some information from a reader about something that was received via email. Seems there is a warmongering movement in the U.S. supported by the Special Operations Association and the Special Forces Association. Basically, they want all Americans who support our troops to wear something red on each Friday. The hope is that eventually, some Friday down the road, all patriotic Americans will wear red that day, spitting in the face of "un-Americans" who do not support the war efforts overseas. So, if you don't wear red, are you a traitor? Hope y'all realize that bright or dark red in hyperspace color language represents anger, hurt, frustration, and violence. All the things the warmongers stand for. This is a blatant mind-control display that is designed to trigger vigilante and assassination programming. This is a NSA/military project. Beware!

European Tidbits: (4/27/03)

- The U.S. is looking for ways to punish France for not participating in the Iraq war. How mature! It is really Illuminati family game-playing.

- A marriage is taking place in the United Kingdom that will unite the Rothschild, Guinness, and Goldsmith families—three very elite families. Could this be a "peace plan" among the Illuminati?

[*Editor's note: For several years now there has been word circulating that some of the younger members of the high-powered world-control families are very much against the old ways of doing things, are breaking down old walls of prejudice, and rebelling against long-*

entrenched family philosophies and perverse moralities of exploitation. One wonders if that situation factors into the wedding event noted above.]

Antarctic Grave: (4/27/03)

A 76-year-old woman is pushing to find the grave of her brother, who died in a military plane crash in Antarctica in 1946. The mission he was on was part of a post-World War II project to map and explore Antarctica. This project suddenly ended in April 1947 with the sightings of UFOs near Mt. Rainier in Washington State. The dead crew is buried under an estimated 150-260 feet of ice and snow.

New technology is to be used that would employ ground-penetrating sonar to find the crash site. Seems rather strange that after 57 years, the military would go to such effort to find a few dead bodies and some wreckage. Could this be an excuse to see what is really under the ice and snow? More important wreckages could be located in less dangerous places, yet no one is looking for these.

Red Again! (4/27/03)

Red is a triggering color. A 14-year-old boy shot his junior high school principal to death in the cafeteria, and then shot himself. There is no known motive, no note, no previous problems with the boy. This occurred in—are you ready—Red Lion, Pennsylvania! This could be another activation of vigilante programming or a programming gone

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wrong. Both victims were known for their good personalities and kind ways.

Fear & Life: (4/27/03)

Newspapers and the Internet are pushing articles this week about fear levels. They say we live in the safest society ever, yet people are afraid. They fear terrorist attacks, strange diseases, financial loss, and unhealthy food. In short, they fear everything the New World Order is perpetuating on them, without realizing who is doing this. If mind-pattern victimization were brought into the story, it would be made clearer. There is an old Chinese Proverb: Bu pa man; pa jan. Translation: Don't fear moving slowly; fear standing still. Our society is not moving. It is under a dome of control and fear purposely thrust upon us. If we all grab an edge of that dome and push real hard, it will flip.

Program Boy: (5/1/03)

By now you have all heard about the little six-year-old blond boy in Illinois who was left at a hospital by a man who claimed to be his father. The man quickly left, leaving the boy alone in the Emergency Room. Authorities believe the boy, Eli Quick, is really Tristen Alan Myers of North Carolina, who disappeared two years ago when he just walked away from his aunt's house where he lived. The blond boy is the son of a fifteen-year-old girl and an unknown father. He was born in Mississippi and moved to Louisiana, where his maternal grandfather "accidentally" drove over him, breaking his leg. He then went to live with his aunt in North Carolina.

She took him to a mental hospital after the little boy killed the family dog. Then the boy disappeared, and police think this darker-haired boy in Illinois is the same one. DNA testing could take several weeks. The boy missing from North Carolina and the one in Illinois both have star-shaped marks on the neck, scars on the body, a speech impediment, blond hair, and blue eyes.

Well, let's look at the programming clues: star-shaped mark, body scars, blond hair, blue eyes, "Alan" as a middle

name (a programming designation), unknown father, murderous actions, missing for two years and then mysteriously appears with a new name. This poor boy has been tortured, traumatized, and programmed. Let's wait for the DNA results.

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Noting each of Stewart's examples of Illuminati mind-control going on right before our eyes adds to our ability to spot these kinds of conditions ourselves—and perhaps save a child (or adult) from further trauma.

HYDROGEN'S DIRTY SECRET
OR
BUSH'S NOD TO BIG OIL

Excerpted from *MOTHER JONES* magazine, May/June 2003: [quoting]

President Bush promises that fuel-cell cars will be free of pollution. But if he has his way, the cars of tomorrow will run on hydrogen made from fossil fuels.

by Barry C. Lynn

When President Bush unveiled his plans for a hydrogen-powered car in his State of the Union address in January, he proposed \$1.2 billion in spending to develop a revolutionary automobile that will be "pollution-free". The new vehicle, he declared, will rely on "a simple chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen" to power a car "producing only water, not exhaust fumes".

Within 20 years, the president vowed, fuel-cell cars will "make our air significantly cleaner, and our country much less dependent on foreign sources of oil".

By launching an ambitious program to develop what he calls the "Freedom Car", Bush seemed determined to realize the kind of future that hydrogen-car supporters have envisioned for years. Using existing technology, hydrogen can be easily and cleanly extracted from water. Electricity generated by solar panels and wind turbines is used to split the water's hydrogen atoms from its

oxygen atoms. The hydrogen is then recombined with oxygen in fuel cells, where it releases electrons that drive an electric motor in a car.

What Bush didn't reveal in his nationwide address, however, is that his Administration has been working

quietly to ensure that the system used to produce hydrogen will be as fossil fuel-dependent—and potentially as dirty—as the one that fuels today's SUVs.

According to the Administration's National Hydrogen Energy Roadmap, drafted last year in concert with the energy industry, up to 90% of all hydrogen will be refined from oil, natural gas, and other fossil fuels—in a process using energy generated by burning oil, coal, and natural gas. The remaining 10% will be cracked from water using nuclear energy.

Such a system, experts say, would effectively eliminate most of the benefits offered by hydrogen. Although the fuel-cell cars themselves may emit nothing but water vapor, the process of producing the fuel cells from hydrocarbons will continue America's dependence on fossil fuels and leave behind carbon dioxide, the primary cause of global warming.

[end quoting]

This plan from Big Oil's little puppet shouldn't surprise any readers of this publication. If they allow any advance from the present technology, it has to be one they control and which keeps the money coming in to them.

But the grassroots "problem" is becoming much larger than they can realistically control because too many technically competent people are becoming wise to their monopoly scam and won't be satisfied just being "thrown a bone" like Bush's ludicrous solution. In fact, his "solution" more effectively reveals Big Oil's covert scam to those who may still be sitting on the fence than any mere argument could have done!

Some of you may also have noted the sprinkling of fake-concern articles over the past several months in major publications like *Popular Mechanics* and *Consumer Reports* supposedly discussing the need for wringing a little better gas mileage from our automobiles. From these articles the gullible public is led to believe we're pushing some kind of technical limits to achieve what we manage to get out of a gallon of gasoline today. But you won't find these pretend-world consumer-oriented icons dare to mention that we have had 200 mile-per-gallon carburetors, documented in tests by such companies as Shell Oil and Ford Motor, as far back as 1936. And that's hauling around a lot more metal than weighs down a modern automobile!

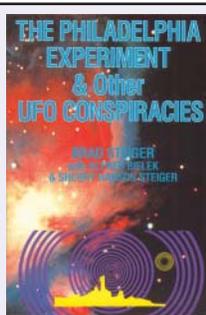
And why do you suppose such a glaring oversight persists? Do you think it's simply poor or sloppy research skills on the part of these vast-resource publications? Or perhaps something more cowardly, sinister, and certainly

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U.S. BANKS BUILD LEGALIZED LOAN-SHARKING

From *CBS Market Watch*, 4/30/03:
[quoting]

Big Profits
Without Busting Kneecaps

Loan-sharking is an extremely lucrative business—especially if you're a pillar of the community and don't need to fear the cops busting your operation.

As it stands, the U.S. banking industry enjoys protection from prosecution for a lending racket that would make mobsters salivate. So that its reputation isn't sullied through comparison with "pay-day loan" companies, the programs go by such respectable terms as "overdraft privileges" and "bounce protection".

These fast-growing programs are different than traditional checking-overdraft protections, which cover overdrawn funds by tapping into the check-writer's savings account or a backup credit line.

Rather, they invite people to write a bad check that the bank agrees to honor for a \$25 to \$35 fee, for what amounts to a cash advance. Account holders can write as many rubber checks as they want up to a total of about \$200 to \$1,000, depending on their average daily balance. They must deposit the overdrawn amount within about 10 days to a month or lose the overdraft privilege in the future....

A perversion of the banking system, these programs take living too large with credit cards to a new level—living beyond your means with your own income stream—and threaten to further undermine a nation's already eroding financial discipline. Where once writing checks you couldn't cover was a potential criminal offense, now there's no such thing as a "bad" check....

A growing practice, from industry heavyweight Washington Mutual to small community institutions like the Central National Bank in Kansas, fee-hungry bankers, pinched by low interest rates, have adopted these programs in various forms at a staggering pace, consumer advocates say.

An estimated 1,500 of the nation's 18,000 banking institutions now offer overdraft privileges. The figure runs as

high as 25% in some states more reliant on community banks, which ironically, given their service mission, have been the worst transgressors.

"Consultants have sold smaller banks on this idea that you're not Citigroup or Wachovia, you're not in investment banking, so this is a way to grow fee income" said Charles Phillips, director of the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions. "They'll say that interest spreads are being compressed, and if you don't find non-interest income, you're not going to survive."....

Get 'em while they're hot: The problem, critics says, is that many banks are actively marketing these programs and thus encouraging people to write bad checks for a short-term loan, rather than discouraging the practice as standard bounced-check fees do. It's no different than pay-day lending—most kited checks get covered when payroll deposits come in—but it appears more reputable since white-collar bankers are doing it.

While the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency has weighed in against the practice, and the Federal Reserve is reviewing the practice under Truth in Lending laws, regulators have yet to come down hard on these programs....

The practice is especially heinous due to the banking industry's hypocrisy. While pressing for reform of U.S. bankruptcy laws to rein-in profligate spenders, the industry is offering products like bounce protection that encourage irresponsible money management.

In that respect, it's worst than loan sharking—it's like a drug dealer who gets the legal system to put the squeeze on junkies who don't make good.

[end quoting]

Actually, the above conclusion isn't strong enough. It's like the drug dealer goes to medical school to legitimize what he's peddling. But then, now we're into the ongoing corruption in an entirely different "professional" field of crime!

THE WRINKLED WHORES OF WALL STREET

From the *WorldNetDaily.com* website, 4/21/03: [quoting]

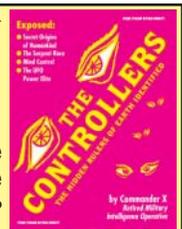
THE CONTROLLERS: THE HIDDEN RULERS OF EARTH IDENTIFIED

BY COMMANDER X

Humankind continues to wage all-out battle with those who have kept us as their slaves since seemingly the beginning of time. They are: • The Illuminati • The Greys • The Counterfeit Race.

They have, says the author (who is of military intelligence) kept us in human bondage by: • Controlling our minds • Planting imperfect thoughts in our heads • Kidnapping humans • Impregnating women • Causing global warfare and ethnic hatred • Creating a false economic system, and • Assassinating and "replacing" our most trusted spiritual leaders, rulers, and elected officials.

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by Vox Day

At times, one is forced to wonder if the financial media operates on some sort of Orwellian contrarian basis, wherein every word's meaning is wholly inverted. After all, the "inevitable" post-war rally left the Dow 183 points lower than it was when the pre-war rally ended, and the "lackluster trading" that was sure to characterize the lead-in to the three-day Easter weekend somehow managed to pump the NASDAQ up 5% on "light" volume that was 18% higher than the monthly average.

There's a reason for all of this, of course. The truth is that America's capital markets are in no way free—they are massaged more carefully than a Dow component's books the week before earnings season.

There's been quite a debate on the existence of the Plunge Protection Team (PPT). It's interesting to read arguments for and against the existence of this notorious beast, but the fact that the financial media avoids discussing the issue like the plague is surely decisive proof that someone, somewhere, is trying to prop up the markets.

I tend to be skeptical of human nature, so I don't find the notion of a PPT incredible simply because there are so many people who profit from the notion of the eternal bull market. Also, being a serious night owl, I've watched the NASDAQ futures jump noticeably on small volume in the Asian markets while said Asian markets are dropping like stones. Coincidence? Sure, once or twice, perhaps, but not when the same thing keeps happening repeatedly.

It's hilarious to watch the European markets get faked out of their cleats like a hapless cornerback trying to tackle Barry Sanders in the open field—this repetitive chicanery is why the German DAX is now up 29% compared to the NASDAQ's 12% since March 12. It's profitable, too, as a short picked up on the opening highs can clear 100% by the

afternoon. And speaking of shorts, did I mention that the DAX was up 17% over the NASDAQ?

So, why complain if I'm riding the system? First, the corruption offends my sense of justice. A free market should be free, not secretly managed for the benefit of inside players or even for the economy as a whole.

Second, this charade gives me the same nausea as walking into one of those palatial Vegas casinos and seeing the blue-hairs losing their meager pensions in the slots. The people who suffer most are those who can least afford to lose.

Third, and by far the worst, this market managing leads to inefficient capital flows, exacerbating the lingering malinvestment problem that is already pounding the tottering U.S. economy. Inflating the money supply and temporarily propping up equity prices will only extend the bust and ensures that the inevitable payback will be that much more painful for all concerned.

I'm no technician, but a wily old trader once told me to ignore the news and trust the charts. What's interesting is that every technical chart and buy/sell indicator—and every whisper of a hint of desperate Plunge Protection Team activity—is now screaming that the markets are heading for a brutal fall. It may not begin too hard or too fast, but before November, equity prices will blow past last year's sub-800 lows like the Marines going through the Republican Guard. The PPT has failed in its valiant, but hopeless 4-month effort to extend the October rally, and the time to abandon ship is now.

But what about last week's impressive performance? Wasn't it a powerful demonstration of market resilience in the face of downbeat economic data? Weren't earnings surprisingly super-duper? In a word, no.

I won't bore you with my exotic analytics, but here's an anomaly to ponder: The NASDAQ-100 is down 77.5% since the bear first roared in

March 2000, but has closed up 61% of the time during short weeks—45.2% more often than the statistical average would indicate. How lackluster indeed! You see, the streetwalkers of Wall Street like to make their hay when the Sun is shining and anyone who might be paying attention is on vacation.

Wall Street has many sins for which to answer. But what the market makers truly don't seem to understand is that neither people nor markets can be controlled for long, and with every well-intentioned stabilization exercise, they risk killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

[end quoting]

The manipulations noted above concerning such an entity as a "Plunge Protection Team" is certainly not news to those of you who follow the financial markets carefully and likewise read *The SPECTRUM*. The outrageous excuses given by the financial "experts" each day can often be more imaginative than children's reasons why they don't have their homework done.

But as this very articulate financial commentator explains so well, the moral issue is also a practical one: the more the manipulations occur, the greater the fall when it happens. And that's surely something to keep in mind, because even if you're not directly involved in the markets, indirectly their deep plunge affects our entire economic stability.

And speaking of economic stability, how about this report:

REVEALING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT STOCK MARKET

From "chris lock", (lockpeter@hotmail.com), 4/27/03:

[quoting]

Some very interesting observations about debt, stock-based-compensation, and the health of the stock market from Porter Stansberry, editor of the *Porter Stansberry Investment Advisory* (www.Pirateinvestor.com):

- About debt: Total non-financial debt (public and private) for the U.S.A. now stands at \$20 trillion. This is nearly three times our country's gross domestic product. [And that doesn't include the ongoing and still hidden costs of the Iraq war that Senator Byrd has been speaking out about.]

- The typical

baby boomer has \$40,000 in savings (including savings meant for retirement) and spends more than half his/her income on debt.

- Adobe Systems, the software firm, has seen net income grow from \$105 to \$191 million in five years—but of that \$191 million, over \$184 million is stock-based compensation to executives. If you subtract that, you have a real income of \$7 million. Its value, according to Wall Street? \$7 billion!

- Apple Computer lost \$25 million in 2001 and paid out \$371 million in stock-based compensation that year. In 2002, it made \$65 million but spent \$229 million on stock-based compensation. Apple's founder, Steve Jobs, just gave Al Gore 30,000 shares of stock for sitting on the board.

- Yahoo! last year had a net income of \$42 million but spent 10 times that amount on stock-based compensation. The year before, \$890 million was given to employees at the stockholders' expense. Since 1998, Yahoo! has lost over \$3 billion on operations—when you include stock-based compensation. Officially, the company reports earning \$55 million during this period. To paraphrase someone at Agora: Yahoo is a wonderful company but a hopeless business.

[end quoting]

As has been stated many times by honest watchers of the financial scene, many more financial debacles like Enron are just waiting to happen. And who will suffer? The "little guy" investors and employees—not the executives who take their unconscionably greedy portions right off the top. What a world.

U.S. TAX RETURNS OUTSOURCED TO INDIA CAUSING A STIR

From the *timesofindia.indiatimes.com* website, 4/17/03: [quoting]

Millions of Americans sweated it out on Tuesday, struggling to meet the deadline—April 15—for filing their annual tax returns, as accountants and post offices stayed open late to accommodate the laggards. Many will be hoping the Indians have lived up to their reputation for sound number-crunching.

In keeping with the great outsourcing trend that has swept across American businesses, thousands of U.S. tax returns are now being processed in India, a development that has led to quite a stir in the accounting community. Numbers are hard to pin down, but according to Kishore Mirchandani, president of Outsource Partners International, the firm

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that claims to have triggered the development, more than 10,000 returns went to India for scrutiny this year.

The accounting firm Ernst and Young alone is believed to have forwarded 7500 American tax returns to its subsidiary in India after transferring a tax partner familiar with U.S. tax laws there. Scores of other smaller accounting firms have also sent returns numbering hundreds to India after a pilot study last year showed encouraging results.

“The business is still in its infancy, but we are looking at over 100,000 returns going to India this coming year” says Mirchandani, whose firm has a 300-person operation in Bangalore and is looking to expand because of the growing demand. Several traditional American firms are also lining up to send returns to India, after pilot projects showed significant reductions in costs and turn-around times.

“More and more firms are jumping on the bandwagon after seeing the results. They seem very satisfied with the quality, not to speak of the speed and cost factors” says Bill Carlino, Editor-In-Chief of the journal *Accounting Today*, which has tracked the trend over the past year.

Expectedly, not everyone is thrilled with the outsourcing of what some regard as sensitive financial information. In the latest issue, the magazine *Practical Accountant* ran a column by a New York accounting professor questioning the trend on grounds of security and job loss to Americans.

“If you were to stop by any downtown skyscraper where Ernst & Young has an office, I guarantee that you could not just walk to the elevators and go up to the company’s offices. You would be stopped by at least one security officer before you got anywhere near the elevator bank” wrote Prof. Lloyd Carroll, head of the accounting department at Manhattan Borough Community College. “Yet the company does not appear to be troubled by the notion of putting taxpayer security in peril by sending returns out of the United States.”

“The very notion of transmitting confidential tax data—from Social Security and employer identification numbers to financial information—to any foreign country, even Canada, borders on the reprehensible at best, and is treasonous at worst” Carroll fumed.

But accounting firms say security is a non-issue. What they are moving to India are only images and the original data remains with the U.S. firm. The software used by the firms is also web-

enabled and is accessed by the Indian subsidiary through a server in the U.S.

Firms also reported a 50 to 60 percent cost reduction, besides improved scrutiny because they are able to hire better qualified people. In the U.S., simple returns are often viewed by junior staff who are not CPAs.

Although the pilot studies of last year involved sending simple low-end returns, some firms such as Toronto’s Horwath Ornstein are now said to be sending high-end returns. In turn, firms are also posting Indian-American CPAs qualified in U.S. tax laws to India to oversee the work.

“The accounting profession in India itself has improved a great deal and quality should not be a problem” says Ram Ganesan, a Maryland-based CPA, who practices in the United States but sees outsourcing as an encouraging trend.

[end quoting]

And what do you think about this happening to YOUR private tax information? Of course the companies doing this are going to say your personal information is safe! What else could they say? (Think of “honest” ol’ Enron.) And there is no doubt that it means yet another chunk of jobs lost to Americans.

This is another clue illustrating that whoever is controlling the U.S. is controlling the world, otherwise this wouldn’t be allowed to happen. Sounds like a very good issue to take up with your representatives in Washington DC.

And while you’re at it, maybe this is a good opportunity to tell your representatives their continued employment depends upon HONESTLY answering one very important, simple question posed in this next item:

IRS FRAUD SKATING ON THIN ICE

From *The Idaho Observer*, (proliberty.com/observer), 4/10/03:

[quoting]

March 19, 2003: Federal Judge Lloyd George issued a temporary injunction against tax honesty icon Irwin Schiff to prevent him from talking publicly about the IRS or selling IRS-related books and tapes. The temporary injunction was ordered at the request of the IRS to hamstring Schiff who is maneuvering federal tax collectors into a jury trial that may prove to be a public relations nightmare for the most feared and hated federal agency.

April 3, 2003: Rose Lear ended a hunger fast after 30 days. She vowed to continue striking until she received an

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answer to the simple question: Where is the law that compels Americans to pay income taxes on their wages? Lear, the wife of William Lear who was recently sent to federal prison for “willful failure to file”, broke her fast after receiving a long awaited response from Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-MI). Though Hoekstra could not cite the law, he did promise to look into the issue further.

April 7, 2003: Federal Judge Lloyd George ordered the injunction against Schiff, author of *The Federal Mafia* which has been in print for 13 years, be continued pending the outcome of a Motion to Recuse Judge George scheduled to be heard April 10.

If tax honesty advocates manage to maneuver the IRS before a jury and force Congress to answer one simple question, the federal government may soon have to explain why it has been illegally taxing peoples’ wages for 90 years.

[end quoting]

Not a bad place to start in a national citizen’s action to take back the country from the crooks! The other arm of this financial fraud is the Fed, which is having its own problems confronting The Truth these days:

FED EXTENDS RESCUE PLAN

From *The Daily News*, Los Angeles, for 4/8/03: [quoting]

by Martin Crutsinger

“Experimental Moves”

May Head Off Recession

Confronting new fears of recession, the Federal Reserve is refining an emergency economic rescue plan that includes further interest rate cuts and billions of dollars in extra cash for the banking system.

The Fed’s effort would be aimed at pulling the country out of a nose dive that has seen 465,000 jobs evaporate in just the past two months, raising fears among economists that the weak recovery from the 2001 recession is in danger of stalling out altogether.

“Clearly, the Fed is in uncharted territory” said economist David Jones. “I think they will try some experimental moves.”

One key element hasn’t been used successfully in a half-century.

Based on comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other Fed officials, the central bank is expected to move beyond its traditional buying and selling of short-term Treasury securities held by banks to the direct purchase of longer-term securities in an effort to influence long-term interest rates.

Also, Fed officials have indicated they are prepared in the event of an unexpected shock to the system to lend massive amounts of money directly to commercial banks to make sure that financial markets do not freeze up.

And as a third policy option, Fed officials have indicated they would explicitly state that if the federal funds rate is moved below its current 41-year low of 1.25%, it is likely to stay at the lower level as long as needed to get the economy on its feet—which would help investors’ worries about a sudden jump in interest rates down the road.

The fact that Fed officials have been so open in discussing these options underscores the need the central bank sees to restore investor confidence that has been shaken by the fact that the Fed’s aggressive two-year campaign to cut short-term rates has yet to produce a sustainable economic recovery. The Fed’s target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge for overnight loans, is now at a 41-year low of 1.25 percent.

“The Fed is trying to buck-up fragile confidence” said Mark Zandi, chief economist at *Economy.com*. “They know that everyone is asking the question, what can be done if the U.S. economy slides back into a recession and it ignites a deflationary cycle?” [end quoting]

The Fed is really admitting, as discreetly as possible, that they don’t know what they’re doing and our economy is likely outside their ability to prop-up for much longer.

Besides, as most of you readers are well aware, the Federal Reserve is as phony a “governmental” agency as is its IRS extortion arm. The U.S. Treasury Department should be returned to the driver’s seat—a goal that some financially savvy, patriotic Americans have been working long and hard to achieve. Perhaps an economic collapse will have to occur first.

Which leads to the following telling observation:

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

From *WIRED* magazine, May 2003:
[quoting]

The bell curve, that beautiful form of regularity, is getting turned upside down.
by Daniel H. Pink

In the mid-19th century, a few of Europe’s finest scientists and mathematicians noticed something peculiar about the way the world organized itself. When they measured large samples of various things—the length of people’s middle fingers, say, or the price of certain goods over time—the results tended to cluster around an average. When plotted on a chart, the data took the shape of a bell. This bell curve, as it was dubbed, defined “normal distribution”—and it became a fundamental law of natural science, an elementary truth about the nature of reality. Charles Darwin’s cousin Francis Galton—who pioneered the related idea that everything from stock prices to your descendants’ IQs would eventually revert to the mean—called the bell curve “an unsuspected and most beautiful form of regularity”.

But today Galton’s beautiful form might not be so regular. Although bell curve distribution is still considered normal, a surprising number of economic and social phenomena now seem to follow a different arc. Instead of being high in the center and low on the sides, this new distribution is low in the center and high on the sides. Call it the well curve.

It’s popping up everywhere. Take the size of organizations. Large companies—pairing off like beer-goggled students at a frat party—are becoming gargantuan enterprises. Think HP-Compaq, Citigroup, and AOL Time Warner. Meantime, small enterprises are also proliferating. The U.S. Census Bureau reports record numbers of “nonemployer businesses”—teensy firms without any paid employees. So while the big grow bigger, the small multiply.

[end quoting]

What this author doesn’t realize is that this kind of distribution curve is common for a “stressed” system, where extreme behaviors become the dominant modes for survival.

A good example is what happens to the distribution of students at expensive colleges in bad economic times. They’re either wealthy and running around in an expensive sports car, or very poor and working in the school cafeteria (and even with their on-campus job, only able to attend the school with scholarship aid). So you have a splitting into a very

polarized, two-class social scene.

In any case, this kind of situation is far from being healthy, and leads to trouble down the road.

And if you think you’re seeing more and more breakdown of society these days, how about this item:

“WILL YOU BE MY GIRLFRIEND?”

From *This Is True*, 4/18/03:

[quoting]

The proper punishment, ironically, would be a tongue lashing: Sal Santana II, 12, of El Paso, Texas, asked another student if she would be his girlfriend. When she said no, he stuck his tongue out at her.

“Sexual harassment!” screamed Magoffin Middle School administrators, who immediately suspended the boy for 3 days and scheduled hearings to see if they could expel him to an “alternative” school. Even if the school backs off, says his father Salvador, he will probably sue them. “It’s got to be done because God knows how many other kids have been involved in something like this” he said. (*El Paso Times*)

More than you think, sir. A lot more.

[end quoting]

Put yourself in the place of this boy’s parents, and then consider if there remains any common sense in school boards who act in such a manner. Remember: these are the “professionals” we’ve entrusted to make many of the decisions critical to the education of our children!

And while we’re on the subject of things which impact the educating of children, note this well:

SMALL AMOUNTS OF LEAD AFFECT KIDS’ IQ SCORES

From *The Daily News*, Los Angeles, for 4/18/03: [quoting]

Lead poisoning may impair children’s intelligence at far lower levels than current federal health guidelines, meaning that potentially millions more U.S. children than previously thought have lost a few IQ points by ingesting contaminated dust.

Not only do small amounts of the toxic metal lower a child’s intelligence, but each additional unit of lead has a relatively more dramatic effect than at higher levels of exposure, according to a study published today in the *New England Journal Of Medicine*.

In the study, an increase from 1 to 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood was associated with a 7.4-point drop in IQ. An additional 20 micrograms of lead

above that had a much smaller added effect—about 2.5 IQ points.

The study is expected to guide an advisory committee of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as it decides whether to recommend a change in policy later this year. That could include lowering the guideline—which sets “a level of concern” for lead in blood—or recommending new ways to prevent additional cases.

An estimated 434,000 children younger than 6 currently have blood-lead levels above the federal guideline.

That number of affected children represents about 2% of the U.S. population. That represents a sharp decline from the late 1970s, when nine out of 10 children had levels that high.

The improvement is attributed to the removal of lead from gasoline and to growing awareness about the dangers of lead-based paint and lead used to solder plumbing.

Yet the problem remains grave, said Bruce P. Lanphear, one of the study’s authors and a professor of children’s environmental health at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

[end quoting]

One suspects this is information the New World Order gang would have preferred not be made public, since their agenda includes the continual dumbing down of society as well as covert forms of depopulation.

But not to worry, they’ve got the school systems pretty well controlled (and parents too busy making a living to pay much attention) to the point where, according to some medical observers, “drugs are handed out like candy” by school nurses to keep the more bright and lively children docile, like all good sheep should be.

PESKY TELEMARETERS: WAYS TO FIGHT BACK

From *WIRED* magazine, April 2003:
[quoting]

Junk mail can be tossed and spam can be filtered, but telemarketing has always had a technological edge. At least until the TeleZapper. The device—AS SEEN ON TV!—promises to erase you from telemarketers’ lists and stop the unsolicited solicitations. And it works, at least until the industry devises a workaround. But why spend \$50 for uninterrupted evenings? The fledgling Telemarketing Resistance has banded together online to help you do it for free. Just follow the steps below. — N.M.

The TeleZapper fools telemarketers’ autodialing equipment by emitting the

ascending three-note special-information tone you hear before: “We’re sorry, the number you have reached has been disconnected.” You can download this tone from the Web. Do a Google search for *sit.wav* to find one of these audiofiles.

Open *sit.wav* in an audio-editing program like Microsoft Sound Recorder. Edit out the second and third notes. (You don’t actually need those, and they’re sure to annoy family and friends.) Save the WAV file.

Play that one note on your computer and record it as the first sound on your answering machine’s outgoing message. Follow with an oh-so-witty greeting.

Now sit back and screen those calls. Over time, telemarketers will get the “zapping” tone and take you off their lists. [end quoting]

So there you have it, two simple ways to avert these pesky calls—at least for awhile!

LIFESAVING GLOVE FOR MEDICS

From *Popular Mechanics* magazine, April 2003 [quoting]

It takes 2 to 5 minutes for a medic to make a field assessment of a wounded soldier’s injuries. In combat and other mass-casualty situations, shaving off seconds can mean tens of lives saved—hence, the medical community’s interest in the Middas Glove.

The moment three fingers of the glove touch a victim’s chest, vital signs appear on a PDA and are transmitted via a computer and wireless links to a trauma specialist. If the patient is unstable, a clip-on monitor keeps the connection open, while the medic moves to the next victim. With this link doctors can monitor as many as 200 patients. Should a patient’s pulse, respiration, temperature, blood-oxygen, or electrocardiogram readings signal trouble, an alarm alerts the medic in the field.

Developed by Titan Corporation of Rancho Cucamonga, California, the Middas Glove is being evaluated by the Navy SEALs and is scheduled to be tested by the Clark County, Nevada, fire department later this year.

[end quoting]

Anything that reduces the chaos of a large-scale medical emergency will help save lives. Let’s hope this device works as stated, in which case it is surely a blessing.

STERILIZING WITH SOUND

From *Popular Mechanics* magazine, April 2003: [quoting]

High-frequency sound is a killer.

Working independently, teams in Pennsylvania and Georgia have developed sound-based disinfectant systems. The Pennsylvania State University design, which works in open air, was shown to be 99.99% effective in killing anthrax-like spores. The method developed by researchers at Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University creates cavitation in a mild solution of isopropyl alcohol. Cavitation occurs when acoustic energy creates tiny voids or bubbles in a liquid that burst with explosive force. The Georgia device will be used to sterilize medical instruments that are difficult to clean. [end quoting]

Keep in mind that it’s a long way from a laboratory demonstration to a useable and affordable product on the shelf. But it’s good to know some people are working on novel techniques to eradicate some of the new “engineered” superbugs which are resistant to normal disinfectants.

Which leads to the following important announcement:

[Editor’s note: The following important information is follow-up to Dr. Len Horowitz’s timely article on SARS in last month’s issue of *The SPECTRUM*.]

DOCTORS MAKE NATURAL TREATMENT FOR SARS AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE

PRESS RELEASE

**Contact: Ken Becker (858) 442-3487
5/6/03**

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA — A team of doctors well-known for their research in alternative medicine and emerging diseases has developed an effective treatment for SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) utilizing a little-known antidote to coronavirus. According to the doctors, coronavirus can be successfully treated with methanolic extracts of two berry bushes common to British Columbia and the northwestern states—*Amelanchier alnifolia* and *Rosa nutkana*—both members of the Rosaceae family of plants.

Dr. Leonard Horowitz, a Harvard-trained, internationally-known expert in public health and emerging diseases (), and Dr. Joseph Puleo, a leading naturopathic physician and a founding member of the World Natural Health Organization (www.wnho.net) developed the treatment from findings

originally made in 1995.

Esteemed Canadian botanist Dr. Neil Towers, Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia, pioneered the decade-old study that proved Rosaceae plants could overcome coronavirus infections in cell cultures, a system far more sensitive to toxicity than living organisms.

Doctors Horowitz and Puleo advanced Dr. Towers' studies by adding two additional natural ingredients and have named the new treatment the "Urbani SARS Formula". The name recognizes Italian communicable disease expert Dr. Carlo Urbani, one of the disease's earliest victims. Dr Urbani, who received a Nobel Peace Prize for his humanitarian work with Doctors Without Borders, died in Thailand after contracting the disease while caring for patients.

While the doctors cannot make "cure" claims due to variations between individuals and FDA restrictions, they profess that the ingredients in the Urbani SARS Formula are time-tested, inexpensive, readily available, and well proven against the bovine coronavirus and other respiratory pathogens.

Dr. Puleo saw rapid improvement among patients who presented in March with SARS-like symptoms at the Natural Health Research Clinic he directs in Sandpoint, Idaho.

The primary ingredients in the proprietary Urbani SARS Formula are extremely hard to acquire in freshly harvested lots, which are required for maximum strength and effectiveness. The ingredients include:

Lomatium dissectum root extract

This has been known for centuries to have potent anti-microbial uses and to be useful as an immuno-stimulant. It also protects cells from another pathogen, the Rotavirus, which is a common cause of dysentery. SARS has been linked to symptoms of dysentery in a significant number of cases. It was used by Native Americans as a food and as a medicine for treatment of Tuberculosis and other lung infections. It has been used effectively in the treatment of bronchitis and pneumonia.

Devil's Club (Oplopanax horridus)

This is best known as an immuno-boosting "adaptogen" that mitigates the effect of stress throughout the body. It also functions as an expectorant and mucous secretion stimulator when prescribed for respiratory infections. Native Americans have long used Devil's Club to help heal insulin-resistant type-II diabetes. Dr. Puleo

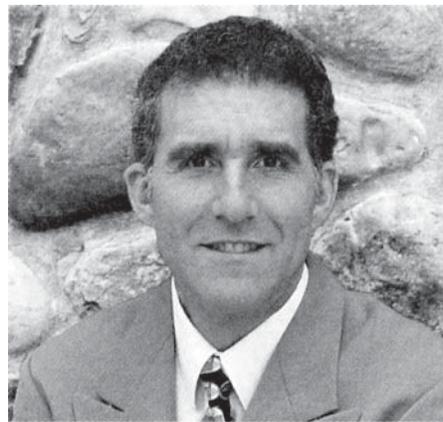
explains that most SARS victims have ongoing blood-sugar and immune-suppressive problems that give viral infections the edge over natural immunity.

The Rosaceae (Amelanchier alnifolia and Rosa nutkana (or Saskatoons)

These berries are a naturally-occurring edible fruit once used by Native Americans for stomach problems and for maternal recovery after childbirth. In 1995 it was demonstrated that extracts from these berries were very active against coronaviruses.

Xylitol Sugar

Xylitol is a relatively new weapon in the war against infectious diseases. This five-carbon sugar was largely unappreciated before WW-II sugar shortages brought it to attention. Researchers in Finland determined that



Dr. Len Horowitz

a 5% solution of Xylitol reduced 68% of Strep and Pneumonia bacteria attachments and 50% of flu viruses. Small amounts of Xylitol are made naturally in the body, which means it does not have the problems associated with man-made antibiotics. Bacteria do not develop a resistance to Xylitol and cannot introduce mutating strains to overcome its effectiveness.

The doctors and Puleo have granted worldwide distribution rights of the Urbani SARS Formula to World Natural Cures, LLC, a firm directed by Mr. John Mills. Mr. Mills can be contacted at 1-800-336-9266 or via e-mail (at john@cureforsars.net). The product is available in four formulations, including the Extra-Strength Tincture, the Standard Urbani SARS Formula, the Extra-Strength Homeopathic, and a nasal spray. The first three are prescribed the same way: "Apply nine drops under the tongue three times per day for up to nine days."

Because the proprietary formulas are not toxic in the manufactured amounts, the dosage does not have to be reduced for children, although the homeopathic remedy is especially recommended for young children and infants. Costs for the two-ounce bottles are extremely reasonable compared to the risky antiviral drugs and steroids currently prescribed for SARS.

The products may be ordered at the www.HealthyWorldDistributing.com website or by calling toll-free: 1-888-508-4787.

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In a recent issue of *Nutrition & Healing* letter, Dr. Jonathan V. Wright tells us that, with repeated applications of an orange-oil spray, ants, other creeping critters, and even some houseplant pests will stay away. Some of the little buggers even die when directly sprayed with it. And, not only is orange oil generally environmentally safe, it smells good, too.

You can buy orange-oil spray in natural-food stores and some regular grocery stores. It is usually labeled as a "grease cutter" or "air freshener". (The labels say nothing at all about using it as bug repellent or "bugicide".)

And while we're on the subject of working to replace bad things with good things, here's the latest battle report in that most dangerous food war ever to be in our midst:

EAT MODIFIED CORN?
SOME PEOPLE
WOULD RATHER STARVE

From *WIRED* magazine, May 2003:
[quoting]

Why GM Food
Could Start a Trade War
Nearly a third of Zambians were starving last year when the United States donated 74,600 tons of food to the southern African nation. President Levy

Mwanawasa didn't want it. The food—mostly corn—was genetically modified to be pest-resistant. To Mwanawasa, that made it "poison". Never mind that numerous scientific bodies have deemed it safe. If he were to accept it, he'd jeopardize future crop exports to GM-wary Europe—and imperil his nation's economy.

Zambia is the most dramatic example of the growing conflict over GM food—one that threatens to ignite a global trade war. Here's a guide to the competing interests in a scuffle that makes cloning debates seem tame. — David Appell

Americans Buy It

Introduced in the mid-'90s as a way to decrease pesticide use, GM crops now dominate U.S. agriculture. Today, 70% of all American foodstuffs contain ingredients with altered DNA. Acreage grew from zero in 1996 to about 88 million in 2002. For the most part, U.S. consumers seem more concerned with the fat in their diets than genetic engineering. Not so in Europe. The EU placed a moratorium on GM foods in 1998 and has used its economic leverage with African governments to get them to do the same.

Europeans Fear It

Europeans cling to the time-honored idea of food purity, preferring fresh to processed, stovetop to microwave. Despite assurances that GM food is safe, consumers remain dubious; they haven't forgiven farming authorities since being misled about the spread of mad cow disease. The European Commission is trying to lift the moratorium, replacing it with legislation requiring that any food containing more than 0.9% modified ingredients be labeled. But given the way consumers feel about GM, such a change probably wouldn't make much difference.

Environmentalists Hate It

Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth have come down hard on GM crops—especially in Europe, where they have more lobbying power. They argue that we won't know for decades the danger GM food poses to our health, and they're particularly concerned about the environment. They worry GM crops will overtake indigenous strains, kill species of feeding insects, and create superweeds. The groups also object to the influence that Big Ag companies like Dow and Monsanto have over American farmers—not to mention the cozy relationships between these corporations and U.S. regulatory agencies.

Farmers Are Locked Into It

GM seeds increase crop yields, save money on expensive pesticides, and reduce the need for fertilizer. But the EU's moratorium has cost U.S. farmers \$300 million in corn exports. With so much at stake, why don't farmers switch back? It's too expensive. And they can't grow both GM and standard crops—there's no accounting for airborne pollen.

Biotech Execs Are Banking On It

Meanwhile, science marches on. Public biotech firms spend \$15 billion a year on R&D and are about to release a new generation of products that contain everything from new genes to drugs and industrial chemicals. Epicyte Pharmaceuticals expects to begin clinical trials next year on a herpes antibody derived from corn. Which means the heated GM debate will only get hotter. [end quoting]

As longtime readers of *The SPECTRUM* are well aware, we've regularly shared articles on the serious concerns and outrageous shenanigans circling around genetically modified (GM) and genetically engineered (GE) products—things that make Enron's behavior look downright saintly by comparison. And—as truth is always stranger than fiction—it's worth remembering (from an article we shared in the January 2000 News Desk) how GM/GE giant Monsanto's own headquarters cafeteria BANNED these products! What do you think that means, coming from those who know?

REPROGRAM YOUR GENES AND REVERSE DIABETES

From "chris lock" (lockkpeter@hotmail.com), 4/29/03:

[quoting]

Some writing in the *Bible* says: "Bread is the staff of life." I have often wondered about what that meant, and still actually have no idea what it was talking about. I have never heard any pronouncement or explanation on this sentence that has made the slightest sense. Maybe their "bread" was completely different [it was superbly naturally healthy], or maybe they were really sick and didn't know it. One thing's for sure:

according to modern observation and findings, over-consumption of modern refined bread is clearly the staff of diabetes. — Chris

From: Dr. Sears

Subject: Reprogram Your Genes And Reverse Diabetes

Dear Subscriber:

You can reverse diabetes. Recent gene research has revealed that diabetes is not an irreversible genetic disease. Diet, physical activity, and environment can change the way that your genes act. In this letter, I'll show you that it's possible to reverse diabetes through diet.

Everyone is born with a distinct set of genes. But, how you use your genes is much more important than which genes you have. You can turn your genes on and off, amplify them, or never use them at all.

Your current health is the result of how your choices have activated genes from your genetic library. Make the best possible choices from here on out, and you can "program" your genes to build a better you.

One Patient's Success

A couple of years ago I started to see a middle-aged patient named Will. He had a few health problems, but his nastiest problem was diabetes. Will had been injecting himself with insulin for years. And his previous doctor told him that he would have to take insulin shots for the rest of his life.

When I asked Will about his history, everything seemed to be in order. He was a letter carrier, so he got plenty of exercise. When I asked him to tell me about his eating habits, I found what I had been looking for. Will loved to eat carbohydrates. With every meal, he would have potatoes or mounds of bread. He had been eating loads of starches his entire life.

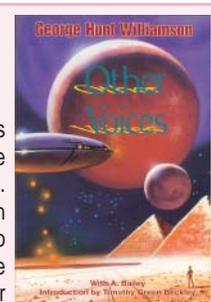
OTHER VOICES

BY GEORGE HUNT WILLIAMSON
& TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY

The author was one of the original witnesses at the meeting between contactee George Adamski and Orthon from the planet Venus. Williamson claims he also had contacts with aliens and received transmissions over his radio from friendly extraterrestrials. Others have claimed the same. Senator Barry Goldwater reportedly heard mysterious signals on his ham radio and our own astronauts have reportedly picked up messages not transmitted from Earth.

Other Voices is essentially a reprint of *The Saucers Speak*, by George Hunt Williamson and Alfred Bailey, originally published in the 1950s. Much of what the authors report has come to pass. Warnings of aliens about nuclear war and environmental doom remain urgent.

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His doctors and the literature from the American Diabetic Association had told him to avoid sugar but not starches. But all those starches ended up turning into sugar in Will's body. Throughout the years, he had forced his body to adapt to handle an overload of sugar.

He consumed high starches, which stimulated more insulin than his body was genetically able to tolerate. This insulin overload switched on genes that eventually produced diabetes.

I started Will on a specialized very-low-glycemic index, high-protein diet plan. I changed his exercise plan to focus on the big muscle groups of the legs and back. They burn off much more blood sugar.

When Will took my advice and severely restricted carbohydrates for a time, insulin went way down and his insulin receptor switches were thrown in the other direction. Eventually he reset his diabetes genes to their "prediabetes" settings. Will is now "expressing" a different set of his inherited genes.

In a matter of months, he no longer needed insulin shots. His blood sugar, insulin, and other labs returned to normal. He no longer had (and still doesn't have) any signs of diabetes.

My Plan For Improving Diabetes

Here are some diet tips that will train your genes to bring an end to diabetes.

1. Stay away from starches. Starches are of little nutritional value. They convert to sugar. Your body stimulates too much insulin when you eat starches.

Manufacturers are producing highly processed starches. If it is processed,

don't eat it. Processed foods often have harmful additives like sugar, preservatives, and other chemicals.

2. Eat foods with a low glycemic index. Health Alert 21 contains a great chart [see nearby] of foods on the glycemic index. Eat foods with the lowest glycemic indexes. Foods with high glycemic indexes cause blood sugar levels to spike.

3. Eat plenty of protein. Your genes need the nutrients in protein. Lean protein like fish are chock full of nutrients. Protein will counteract the damage done by starches. The more protein you eat, the better.

4. Exercise large muscle groups. Concentrate on exercising the biggest muscles. Leg muscles are the largest. These hefty muscles burn excess sugar in the blood faster than any others.

To Your Good Health, Al Sears, M.D.

[end quoting]

This is good dietary advice even if one is not presently fighting diabetes. If you know someone who is, please make sure they see this.

AIRBAGS FOR AIRLINERS

From *Popular Mechanics* magazine, April 2003: [quoting]

Take a close look at your seatbelt the next time you fly. If you are seated in a bulkhead aisle, the seatbelt may look a little thicker than normal. This is because it also contains an airbag.

The AMSAFE Aviation Inflation Restraint system is activated by sensors similar to those in automobile airbags.

Sensors trigger if deceleration would cause a passenger's head to fling forward at a speed that could result in an injury.

The bag fully deploys within 0.18 second, then deflates when motion stops. The deflated airbag takes up no more space than an airline blanket. Phoenix-based AMSAFE says a dozen airlines have begun using the new restraints, which cost about \$1000 each.

[end quoting]

Hopefully these air bags won't exhibit the same "false detonation" problems as so many automobile air bags have, that caused the car companies to finally add switches to allow you to defeat them!

And then there's the following:

AIRBAGS GET SMART

From *Popular Science* magazine, April 2003: [quoting]

And they're getting smarter.

This fall, more than a third of new cars must, by federal mandate, be able to sense the difference between an adult occupant, a child, and an empty seat.

Airbags would then only inflate as much as needed. Weight and tension sensors under seats and in seatbelts are the first step, but Siemens, TRW, and Motorola are developing lasers, 3-D cameras, and electrical fields that can determine occupants' position as well as their size. "The existing technology can determine if someone's in a seat" notes TRW engineer Roger McCurdy, "but the real value will be when airbags determine when someone is out of position—that's the root cause of injuries". [end quoting]

It's quite a chore balancing the protective value of air bags versus their ability to be lethal weapons!

SCANNER OVERCHARGES STILL PREVALENT YEAR LATER

From *The Daily News*, Los Angeles, for 4/16/03: [quoting] by Troy Anderson

Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner Cato Fiksdal said Tuesday he expected the year-old "Buyer Beware" inspection program of automated check-out scanners to reduce the number of times customers are overcharged at the cash register.

"It's a little premature to say our program has yet made an impact" Fiksdal said. "We are still finding a significant

FRUITS & VEGETABLES				GRAINS, NUTS, LEGUMES			
Very High	High	Medium	Low	Very High	High	Medium	Low
none	Banana	Cantaloupe	Apple	Refined Sugar	Bagel	Oatmeal	Lentils
	Raisins, dates, and other dried fruits	Grapes	Apricot	Most cold cereals (e.g., Grape Nuts, Corn Flakes, Raisin Bran, etc.)	Bread (white flour)	Pasta	Nuts
			Asparagus			Peas	Seeds
			Broccoli		Pita Bread		
			Brussel Sprouts		Pinto Beans		
	Beets		Cauliflower	Rice Cakes	Granola Bar	Rye Bread	
	Potato and other starchy vegetables		Celery	Granola	Kidney Beans	Whole Grain Breads	
			Cherries				Muffin (bran)
	Orange		Cucumber		Potato		
	Orange Juice		Grapefruit		Pretzels		
	Peach		Green Beans		Rice		
	Pineapple		Green Pepper		Tortilla		
	Watermelon		Lettuce				
			Mushrooms				
			Onions				
			Plums				
			Spinach				
			Strawberries				
			Tomato				
			Zucchini				

number of overcharges, but we are hopeful this program, along with a public awareness campaign, will make a big impact in the near future.”

During 2002, the first year of the program, workers conducted 2,700 inspections and were overcharged on one or more items 25% of the time, according to Fiksdal.

The overcharge rate has remained virtually unchanged in 2003, Fiksdal wrote.

The current rate is little changed from the 11-26% overcharge rate inspectors found during undercover investigations in early 2002.

Now, 12 field inspectors are “going full blast” conducting inspections throughout countywide, Fiksdal said.

The rates of overcharges have varied from no overcharges at jewelry stores, to 5% at hair salons, 34% at grocery stores, 47% at office supply stores, and 55% at department stores.

In 2002, Fiksdal’s inspectors referred 501 misdemeanor cases to the courts for prosecution in cases involving overcharges of \$1 or more. These resulted in stores paying individual fines of up to \$7,937.

Also, 86 infraction cases involving overcharges of less than \$1 were processed in 2002. These involve fines of up to \$500.

In contrast, during all of 2001, less than 100 overcharge cases were prosecuted.

Fiksdal said he had only a few inspectors in early 2002 and didn’t get everybody hired, trained, and going until July. He is authorized for 17 inspectors and plans to hire more in the near future.

The program generated \$1.2 million last year from scanner registration fees, and Fiksdal expects it to generate \$1.3 million this year.

“I’m not surprised there is still a significant percentage of stores with overcharges” Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said. “Frankly, in prior years, we haven’t really enforced these rules and regulations. For the first time, that is happening. I think it will have the desired effect.” [end quoting]

This has become a chronic problem nationwide, and apparently quite a lucrative, if sneaky way for some stores to enhance their profit margin. It’s also hard to monitor the numbers if you have, say, a large grocery order, since the items zip by the scanner so fast. It’s ironic that the scanning technology was originally promoted as the “solution” to PREVENT this kind of pricing error problem at check-out stands. But we should have known better than to believe that.

SPELL CHECKER

Eye halve a spelling chequer,
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say,
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid,
It nose bee fore two long,
And eye can put the error rite,
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it,
I am shore your pleased two no,
Its letter perfect awl the weigh,
My chequer tolled me sew.

— Sauce unknown

[Editor’s note: Yes indeed, there’s nary a misspelled word in this “perfect” poem—illustrating man’s resourceful triumph over machine!]

COPYRIGHT WARS: CAN THE DMCA BE FIXED?

From *WIRED* magazine, May 2003:
[quoting]
by Rick Boucher

Five years after it was enacted, the *Digital Millennium Copyright Act* is living up to critics’ worst fears. The antipiracy law has become a broad legal cudgel that’s wielded against legitimate reapplications of intellectual property, from mix CDs to off-brand toner cartridges.

Representative Rick Boucher (D-VA) has written the *Digital Media Consumer Rights Act* (HR 107), which would make it legal to, among other things, create art archival copy of a CD or DVD. Good fix for a bad law—but why not just blow up the DMCA instead? — Lucas Graves

Interview

WIRED: Are you trying to defang the DMCA by reasserting fair-use rights?

BOUCHER: I’m reluctant to make a really broad statement, because no sooner would I say that than I would have those words quoted back to me by [Motion Picture Association of America president] Jack Valenti. HR 107 does not defang the DMCA with respect to people who are trying to commit piracy. It does, however, defang the DMCA with respect to the innocent, with respect to the purchase of digital media for legitimate purposes.

Where was the DMCA opposition on Capitol Hill in 1998, when it would have counted? I was paying a lot of attention then, and in fact I offered the same amendment. Not very many members of Congress were willing to listen to those

concerns at the time. Now a much larger external community is determined to make changes—most notably technology companies, which were not a part of the debate in 1998.

The realization is that the market for technology products and services will be adversely affected as the DMCA bites deeper and inhibits the rights of digital media purchasers.

I might add that the entertainment companies will also get hurt: When consumers start finding they can’t use the media fully, they will value it less.

You’ve called the DMCA a testament to Hollywood’s lobbying power. How can you win? Consumer outrage will grow as copy-protected CDs make their way into the market in greater numbers. The public response is going to be visceral, and it will be heard by members of Congress.

Digital piracy has been illegal since the 1976 *Copyright Act*. Why not just scrap the DMCA? As a practical matter, it’s probably easier for us to make these surgical changes than to simply attempt to repeal the act. And, after all, we’re looking for a victory. We’re not looking just to make a statement.

[end quoting]

This has been a real problem for the usual greed of the Hollywood crowd wanting both to limit the public’s “free” use of artistic materials and yet not so anger the public they stop buying Hollywood’s offerings. By the way, how did the industry ever survive in the old days, before all these high-tech “safeguards” came on the scene? Such greed-oriented measures, besides irritating a public already spending too much for such items, will likely only inspire them to greater resourcefulness creating ways around the control measures!

And if you feel that a lot of modern music verges on noise, how about this:

NOISE MAY AFFECT LANGUAGE LEARNING

From *The Daily News*, Los Angeles, for 4/18/03: [quoting]

The high noise of modern life may affect speech and language development in the very young, according to a study that found the auditory parts of the brains of young rodents are slower to organize properly in the presence of continuous sounds.

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, reared a group of rats in an environment of continuous background noise and found that their brain circuits that receive and interpret sound did not develop at the same rate as animals that

were raised in a quieter environment.

Edward F. Chang and Michael Merzenich, co-authors of the study appearing in the journal *Science*, said the continuous noise delayed the organization of auditory neurons during a critical two- to three-week period after the rat pups were born. [end quoting]

There have been other studies that say the best and fastest way to learn languages is to listen to the right kind of classical music and play the correct kind of foreign language course in the background at the correct volume. It is said that, in this environment, learning will take place at a tremendous speed.

Of course, studies like these also indicate how some brainwashing and mind-control techniques can be easily inserted into society.

WEBSITES TO BROWSE

- www.cyberspaceorbit.com/px_finalappr2.html shows the infamous "Planet X" located and plotted for near future.

- www.umf.net/umf/data/text/MONTAUK.TXT shares a very important free book: *The Montauk Project, Experiments In Time* by Preston B. Nichols with Peter Moon.

- www.ibiblio.org/gutenberg/etext98/ucity10.txt has lots of free books by a group trying to get as many free books on the net as possible with help from volunteers.

- <http://abduct.com/taylor/lt58.htm> shares a bizarre rock case related to UFOs.

TODAY'S POSITIVE THINKERS

From *Guideposts*, July 2000, P.O. Box 1479, Carmel, NY 10512:

"Hope is much more than a mood. It involves a commitment to action.... What we hope for should be what we are prepared to work for and so bring about, as far as that power lies in us."

— John Polkinghorne, physicist, Anglican priest and author

"Forgiveness does not mean condoning what has been done. Forgiving means abandoning your right to pay back the perpetrator in his own coin, but it is a loss that liberates the victim."

— Desmond Tutu, Anglican archbishop of Johannesburg and Nobel laureate

"Watch the turtle. He only moves forward by sticking his neck out."

— Louis Gerstner

"Deep faith is paranoia turned inside out. It is open instead of closed.... It allows us to trust ourselves and others even if we and they have proven untrustworthy in the past."

— Thomas Moore

"Sometimes mistakes are the best thing that can happen, because they might lift you out of your lethargy, out of your complacency, and open your mind up to a whole other area that you wouldn't have gone to intentionally."

— Bobby McFerrin

"Confidence takes constant nurturing. Like a bed, it must be remade every day."

— Mia Hamm

ANIMAL CRACKERS

Email from a reader, 5/2/03: [quoting] by Jennifer Tovell

The asphalt walkway was a beautiful thing to roller skate on, with its little hills and valleys that you could almost effortlessly glide on, ever so smoothly.

I frequented the housing complex with my metal skates clipped on over the toes of my shoes and the leather strap buckled around my ankles. What a beautiful feeling, to glide along in the Sun, feeling the summer breeze in my hair. It made me feel like I hadn't a care in the world.

This one afternoon, I took my time there enjoying the warm afternoon with no reason to hurry home for supper. I knew there'd be no "real" dinner waiting. These last few days were the leanest my family had ever seen since my father left.

My mother was great at making something-out-of-practically-nothing taste really good, but even the practically-nothings seemed to be just about gone.

But as a kid, you don't worry too much about things like that. My sister and I would make grape jelly sandwiches (if there was any bread and jelly, and peanut butter was usually just a wish) but there was always a book to read to take my mind off of my growling tummy. I especially liked to read Dr. Seuss. But this day, I knew, would be a long one, with lots tummy-growling, lots of reading.

As the Sun began to settle, resting after blazing long in the summer sky, I turned to go home. There may not have been food there, but it was my home and my family was there, and a book.

I skated back on the smooth, winding asphalt walkway making my way home. As the light in the sky grew dimmer, I could almost feel the night entering my soul.

I crossed the street and headed for our doorway. We lived in a small, second floor apartment next to Sam's Fish Market. My mom used to go in there and ask if she could buy food "on credit", with a promise to pay him as soon as she got some money. Sam was usually kind enough to allow it; seeing she had a large family, how could he turn her away? But she couldn't go in there these days. No, the bill was getting just a little too high and my mother was a proud woman.

I turned toward our stoop and the big glass door that loomed just past it when I noticed there was something on the step.

Someone must have left something here, I thought. I wonder if they're coming back?

Then, as though a light switch was thrown on in my head, it registered just what it was. Two large, two very large, brown grocery bags, just brimming with food!

There was long, crusty bread hanging over the top of one of them, and when I peeked inside I could see spaghetti and rice and cans of vegetables and sauce and, and, cookies! Animal crackers they were, to be precise. My favorite!

I think my heart just leaped to the sky with happiness as I realized that maybe, just maybe, this food was left for us. But who would have left it here? It didn't matter. Mom will be so happy!

I tore off my skates and grabbed one of the bags and ran upstairs just as fast as I could, making sure not to let anything spill out.

"Mom, Mom!" I cried, as I ran huffing and puffing up the stairs. I was so out of breath from the excitement that I could barely answer her question of where the food came from as I practically crash-landed the bag on the kitchen table.

"Mom, Mom!" I cried. "You're not going to believe this, but there's another bag! There's another bag! I don't know who forgot it on our step, but can we keep them?"

My mother was silent but so overjoyed that tears came to her eyes. She didn't jump and shout like I did, and I don't think she even got out of breath when she went down the stairs to get the other bag.

She just closed her eyes and said: "Thank you for hearing my prayer."

At that moment, I joyfully figured we were keeping the food as she seemed to know who left it for us.

[end quoting]

God does answer our prayers—in His own way and in His own time. Perhaps our biggest challenge is NOTICING when He's done so! 

Looting Iraq Of Priceless “Weapons Of Mass Destruction”

Editor's note: The following collection of reports is perhaps most useful for those of you who wondered if we had finally lost our minds, here at The SPECTRUM, back when our March 2003 issue discussed the REAL reasons for invading Iraq. (Remember that was written in January for February printing and distribution.) Of course, there was an unusually large number of orders for extra copies of that issue—probably from the two or three of you who were likewise accused of having gone off the deep end as you attempted to share those extra copies with relatives and friends.

But now look at who gets to say “I told you so!”

The front-page subject matter of that March 2003 issue was so “far out” and so different from the relentless conventional media propaganda (to “liberate” Iraq from “bad guys”) and even the mainline conspiracy chatter (about oil), that it seemed helpful to devote the page-3 editorial to an overview of that which would help put Rick Martin's front-page feature story into the Larger Picture context of then unfolding events.

*That editorial was titled **Real Miracle Behind Saddam's “Weapons Of Mass Destruction”** and therein was mentioned the wealth of ancient treasures of that ancient land which comprised the TRUE central focus of the so-called war in Iraq. These treasures—many of which aren't even known to the public, including scholars who could really make hay with them—were indeed “weapons of mass destruction” of the cultural and religious lies long promulgated by those who had long controlled planet Earth. And thus the need for their “removal” so as not to upset the status quo that kept the common person in various states of enslavement.*

With that in mind—and also remembering that conventional professional journalists need to do their reporting in a relatively conservative manner if they want to

help their stories get into print despite a heavily controlled media apparatus—the following items may provide some insight about that “war within a war” in this very ancient land full of surprises about the true history of planet Earth.

*The parallel story elsewhere in this issue of The SPECTRUM called **For Iraqis—No Liberation, A New Colonial Oppression** expands the scope of what you are about to read below to include social and political facets of the “looting” of an ancient culture.*

Meanwhile, to call such precision looting of ancient artifacts a tragedy is to hardly scratch the surface of the matter. Let's begin with the following report, key points being emphasized in bold text:

“Cradle Of Civilization” Treasures Lost In Iraq War

(by Rosalind Russell, 4/15/03)

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — Iraq's heritage has been stolen. Ancient and priceless artifacts documenting the development of mankind are missing, rare manuscripts set alight, and artwork snatched.

Baghdad's museums, galleries, and libraries are empty shells, looted and torched almost overnight by gangs operating in the security vacuum which accompanied last week's invasion of the city by U.S. forces and the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Iraq sits on the land of ancient Mesopotamia, the “land between two rivers”—home to prehistoric man and the cradle of civilization. On the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates, the Mesopotamians were the first people to study the stars, develop the written word, and enforce a legal code. Standing among shards of glass outside the Iraqi National Museum, Dr. Moayad Damerji said the objects and artifacts which bore witness to mankind's development had vanished, their loss immeasurable.

“The Iraqi National Museum is the only museum in the world which shows all the steps in the history of mankind”

said the professor of archaeology at Baghdad University, and the former director general of the Iraqi Department of Antiquities.

“These witnesses to our own development have gone; they are gone.” Among the most priceless treasures missing are the Vase of Uruk and the Harp of Ur, dating back to between 3,000 and 2,500 B.C. and the rule of the Sumerian kings. The exquisite bronze Statue of Basitki from the Akkadian kingdom is also gone, somehow hauled out of the museum despite its huge weight.

“Savage And Furious”

“They were savage and furious in their deeds” Damerji said of the looters, who operated under the cover of fighting between U.S. troops and Saddam Fedayeen militia in the western quarter of Baghdad where the museum stands.

“They used iron bars and different kinds of tools to go through the doors. They went through every single room, every place. They took what they could and broke down the rest into pieces to show that they were here.” The heads of stone statues have been decapitated, precious inscribed tablets from the great Sumerian libraries lost. But the full extent of the damage is still not known. With no electricity, museum workers are keeping their movements inside the building to a minimum for fear of disturbing what remains.

Nearby at the Saddam Arts Center there is a similar story of destruction and despair. Picking through lumps of plaster, glass, and discarded picture frames scattered on the floor, Iraqi artist Moayad al-Haidari is searching for his paintings.

“My work was here. Before the war my work was here” he said, gazing at the empty white walls of the exhibition space on the ground floor. “We painted our dreams, our ideas, our future. It's a complete disaster.”

On the upper floors of the post-modern concrete gallery, the permanent

exhibition of the works of the Iraqi Pioneers, a group of early 20th-century painters and sculptors who laid the foundation for the modern Iraqi art movement, has simply disappeared.

“This has been organized. It is not just theft; the aim is bigger than this” said Haidari, dressed neatly and almost in tears. “This is to undermine us, our heritage, our identity, our pride.”

Library Smouldering

Other Iraqis share his sentiment. Tareq Abdulrazak, a 63-year-old scientist, on Tuesday stood outside the charred and smoldering shell of Iraq’s national library, opposite the defense ministry in Baghdad. Yellow catalog cards fluttered in the breeze on the library steps; inside the air was still warm and the floor covered in flimsy black pieces of charred paper. Every book, every manuscript has been destroyed.

“Here was Iraq’s culture. Ancient and modern, all in writing” said Abdulrazak. The Americans watched this happen. It is not enough to destroy our buildings, our people? Now our history too?”

The widespread looting that followed the capture of the Iraqi capital has invoked fury among Baghdadis, who say U.S. forces did little to protect their shops, businesses, and public buildings after the collapse of Iraqi authority.

Moayad Damerji of the Iraqi National Museum said the raid on the building was planned in advance by people who knew exactly what they were looking for among artifacts mainly unearthed during excavations between the First and Second World Wars.

“This was a program, well organized. The Americans protected the oilfields, but did nothing to protect our museums; they are obliged to protect these sites” he said.

International Help

“Now everything is gone. Eighty years of work is gone. It is too late.”

In London on Tuesday, the British Museum announced it was sending nine conservation experts to Iraq to help restore its cultural heritage.

Britain’s Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell

also stressed the importance of preventing an illegal market developing in stolen goods and called for a declaration that would see them returned to Iraq.

“We have to kill the market in stolen Iraqi treasures” Jowell said. “We are determined to make sure that the U.K. is not a market for stolen Iraqi imports.”

UNESCO deputy director Mounir Bouchenaki said leading archeologists will meet in Paris on Thursday to seek ways to rescue Iraq’s cultural heritage. They also plan a fact-finding mission to Iraq.

This next report, published a day later, is from the www.wsws.org Internet



Tue May 6, 2:15 PM ET — Recently recovered artifacts are accounted for at the Iraq Museum in Baghdad, May 4, 2003. Museum staff have confirmed 27 pieces are still missing after looters entered the premises in the early hours after the fall of Baghdad. The museum’s collection included Sumerian, Akkadian, Babylonian, Assyrian, Chaldean and Abbasid artifacts. (Petr Josek/Reuters)

website and carries a headline strikingly parallel in sentiment to our March 2003 front-page feature story:

The Sacking Of Iraq’s Museums: U.S. Wages War Against Culture And History

(by Patrick Martin, 4/16/03)

The looting of Iraq’s museums and National Library, with the destruction of much of Iraq’s cultural heritage, is a historic crime for which the Bush Administration is responsible.

U.S. government officials were warned repeatedly about possible damage to irreplaceable artifacts, either from American bombs and missiles or from post-war instability after the removal of the Iraqi government, but they did nothing to prevent it. Their inaction constitutes a gross violation of the 1954

Hague Convention on the protection of artistic treasures in wartime, adopted in response to the Nazi looting of occupied Europe during World War II.

At least 80% of the 170,000 separate items stored at the National Museum of Antiquities in Baghdad were stolen or destroyed during the looting rampage that followed the U.S. military occupation of Baghdad.

The museum was the greatest single storehouse of materials from the civilizations of ancient Mesopotamia, including Sumeria, Akkadia, Babylonia, Assyria, and Chaldea. It also held artifacts from Persia, Ancient Greece, the Roman Empire, and various Arab dynasties.

The museum held the tablets with Hammurabi’s Code, perhaps the world’s first system of laws, and cuneiform texts that are the oldest known examples of writing—epic poems, mathematical treatises, historical accounts. An entire library of clay tablets had not yet been deciphered or researched, in part because of the U.S.-backed sanctions that restricted travel to Iraq.

[Editor’s note: You want to make a guess as to why so much pressure was placed on Iraq to keep scholars from deciphering these ancient tablets?!]

The 5,000-year-old alabaster Uruk Vase is the earliest known depiction of a religious ritual. The stone

face of a woman, carved 5500 years ago, is one of the oldest surviving examples of representational sculpture. The world’s oldest copper casting, the bust of an Akkadian king, dates from 2300 B.C.

Another significant loss came from the burning of the nearby National Library, containing tens of thousands of old manuscripts and books, and newspapers from the Ottoman Empire to the present. The library’s reading rooms and stacks were reduced to smoking ruins.

Ironically, the only hope for the survival of some archaeological treasures is that they might have been removed from the museum before the war, to be displayed in one or another of the private residences of Saddam Hussein and his family. A large selection of artifacts made of gold was stored for safekeeping at the Iraqi Central Bank, but that facility was looted and burned as well.

U.S. Officials Ignored Warnings

U.S. claims to have been taken by surprise by the ransacking of cultural facilities in Baghdad, Mosul, and other cities are not credible. Such a tragedy was not only predictable, it was specifically warned against.

In late January of this year, a delegation of scholars, museum directors, and collectors visited the Pentagon and explained the significance of the Iraq National Museum and other cultural sites. One participant told the *Washington Post*: "We told them the looting was the biggest danger, and I felt that they understood that the National Museum was the most important archaeological site in the entire country. It has everything from every other site."

The Archaeological Institute of America called on "all governments" to protect cultural sites, and it appears that the Iraqi government took this appeal far more seriously than the American or British governments. After looting in 1991 during the uprisings that followed the first Persian Gulf War, the Iraqi government passed legislation restricting the export of historical artifacts.

There is a long tradition of concern for history and cultural heritage in Iraq. As soon as even nominal independence was established, in the 1920s, the Iraqi government required that reports be filed with the museum on all archaeological "digs". More recently, all excavated material had to be submitted to the museum for cataloguing, making the facility the central database for all such work in the country.

As an American assault on Baghdad loomed, officials of the National Museum made preparations to safeguard their priceless collections, removing some items to secret locations and putting the bulk of the artifacts in specially secured vaults under the building, protected from bomb damage by layers of brick and cement. Those items too large to be removed from the galleries were carefully wrapped.

Looters took or destroyed everything in the galleries, then broke into the underground vaults and plundered their contents. They also destroyed the card catalog and wrecked the museum's computer system.

The Pentagon not only knew in advance of the potential threat to Iraq's cultural heritage, the U.S. military received direct appeals, as the looting began, to safeguard the National Museum. One Iraqi archaeologist, Ra'id Abdul Ridhar Mohammed, told the *New York Times* he had gone directly to a

squad of Marines aboard an Abrams tank in Museum Square, less than a quarter mile from the museum, and asked them to stop the looting.

The Marines went to the museum, chased away the first wave of looters, then left after 30 minutes. "I asked them to bring their tank inside the museum grounds" Mohammed told the *Times*, "but they refused and left." He continued: "About half an hour later, the looters were back, and they threatened to kill me, or to tell the Americans that I am a spy for Saddam Hussein's intelligence, so that the Americans would kill me. So I was frightened, and I went home."

The archaeologist added: "A country's identity, its value, and civilization resides in its history. If a country's civilization is looted, as ours has been here, its history ends. Please tell this to President Bush. Please remind him that he promised to liberate the Iraqi people. But this is not a liberation, this is a humiliation."

The Politics Of Cultural Destruction

There are direct commercial reasons for the Bush Administration to permit the plundering of Iraq's cultural treasures. According to a report April 6 in the *Sunday Herald*, a Scottish newspaper, among those who met with the Pentagon before the onset of the war were representatives of the American Council for Cultural Policy (ACCP), a lobbying group for wealthy collectors and art dealers that has sought to relax Iraq's strict ban on the export of cultural artifacts.

The group's treasurer, William Pearlstein, has criticized Iraq's policy as "retentionist" and said he would urge the post-war government to make it easier to export artifacts to the United States. The group sought to revise the *Cultural Property Implementation Act*, the U.S. law that regulates such international trafficking in artistic treasures and antiques. According to this press account: "News of the group's meeting with the government has alarmed scientists and archaeologists who fear the ACCP is working to a hidden agenda that will see the U.S. authorities ease restrictions on the movement of Iraqi artifacts after a coalition victory in Iraq."

The *Los Angeles Times* reported Tuesday a Northern California collector of Iraqi art had been "contacted surreptitiously before the war and told that Iraqi antiquities would soon become available. He speculated that the thieves acted in accordance with a plan, but no such design has been revealed."

Appeasing a group of millionaires with a taste for Oriental curiosities would certainly fit the profile of the Bush Administration. Much more fundamental, however, is the political value for the American ruling elite of allowing such repositories of Iraq's history and culture to be destroyed.

The goal of the U.S. military occupation is to impose colonial-style domination over Iraq and seize control of its vast oil resources. It serves the interests of American imperialism to humiliate Iraq and condition its population to submit to the United States and the stooge regime to be established in Baghdad. Attacking the cultural resources that connect the Iraqi people to 7,000 years of history is part of the process of systematically destroying their national identity.

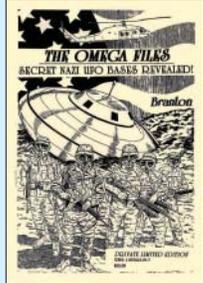
The tragic result is that treasures that survived even the Mongol sack of the city in the 13th century could not withstand the impact of 21st-century technology and imperialist barbarism.

Bush, Rumsfeld, and company personify the new barbarians: a "leader" who is himself only semi-literate and wallows in religious backwardness; an administration populated by former corporate CEOs for whom an artifact of ancient Sumer is of more interest as a tax shelter than as a key to the historical and cultural development of mankind.

Notice how the "private collector" vultures were already preparing the way and "circling the kill" well before the war with Iraq even began. And while there's no doubt that significant money can be made in such illicit trade of

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precious artifacts, those who look no deeper for reasons behind actions are akin to those who are satisfied that a single bullet from a lousy shot killed JFK in 1963.

With that in mind, consider what may be the underlying message(s) in the following report, published a day after the above story, from the Washington Post (www.washingtonpost.com):

Bush Cultural Advisers Quit Over Iraq Museum Theft

(by Niala Boodhoo, 4/17/03)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Two cultural advisers to the Bush Administration have resigned in protest over the failure of U.S. forces to prevent the wholesale looting of priceless treasures from Baghdad's antiquities museum.

Martin Sullivan, who chaired the President's Advisory Committee on Cultural Property for eight years, and panel member Gary Vikan said they resigned because the looting should never have been allowed to happen.

"If we understood the value of Sumerian cuneiform tablets to our past, as we do with oil getting us somewhere in our cars, I don't think this would have happened" Vikan, director of the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore, told Reuters on Thursday.

At the start of the U.S.-led campaign against Iraq, military forces quickly secured valuable oil fields.

Baghdad's museums, galleries, and libraries are empty shells, destroyed in a wave of looting that erupted as U.S.-led forces ended Saddam Hussein's rule last week, although antiquities experts have said they were given assurances months ago from U.S. military planners that Iraq's historic artifacts and sites would be protected by occupying forces.

"It didn't have to happen" Sullivan told Reuters. "In a pre-emptive war,

that's the kind of thing you should have planned for." Sullivan sent his letter of resignation earlier this week.

The Iraqi National Museum held rare artifacts documenting the development of mankind in ancient Mesopotamia, one of the world's earliest civilizations. Among the museum collection were more than 80,000 cuneiform tablets, some of which had yet to be translated.

Professional art thieves may have been behind some of the looting, said leading archeologists gathered in Paris on Thursday to seek ways to rescue Iraq's cultural heritage.

Among the priceless treasures missing are the 5,000-year-old Vase of Uruk and the Harp of Ur. The bronze Statue of Basitki from the Akkadian kingdom is also gone, somehow hauled out of the museum despite its huge weight.

The White House repeated on Thursday that the looting was unfortunate but the U.S. military had worked hard to preserve the infrastructure of Iraq.

"It is unfortunate that there was looting and damage done to the museum and we have offered rewards, as Secretary Rumsfeld has said, for individuals who may have taken items from the museum to bring those back" White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said in Crawford, Texas, where President Bush is spending a long Easter break.

FBI Director Robert Mueller added that the bureau was sending agents to Iraq to assist with criminal investigations and had issued Interpol alerts to all member nations regarding the potential sale of stolen artifacts.

[Editor's note: Do you care to speculate if these agents are sent to finish the job, or just act as show, now that the massive "looting" objective has been achieved?]

"We recognize the importance of these treasures to the Iraqi people and as well to the world as a whole" Mueller said. "And we are firmly committed to doing

whatever we can in order to secure the return of these treasures to the people of Iraq."

The president appoints the 11-member advisory committee, which works through the State Department to advise the executive office on the 1970 UNESCO Convention on international protection of cultural objects.

If you believe the FBI is being sent over there to help return items, then I suggest you donate generously to the Republican Party and avoid being annoyed by the contents of this magazine. Note how they can put on a pretend show of concern, and at the same time clandestinely make sure that nothing important that was supposed to be "looted" gets back into Iraqi hands.

Along that line of reasoning, consider the following report from the www.wsws.org website, published two days after the above story:

The Looting Of Baghdad's Museum And Library U.S. Government Implicated In Planned Theft Of Iraqi Artistic Treasures

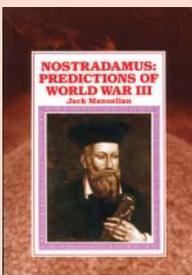
(by Ann Talbot, 4/19/03)

As the full extent of the looting of Iraq's National Museum in Baghdad emerges, it becomes clear that there was nothing accidental about it. Rather, it was the result of a long planned project to plunder the artistic and historical treasures that are held in the museums of Iraq.

Had the National Museum of Iraq been looted by poor slum dwellers it would have been crime enough, and the responsibility would have rested with the American administration that refused, despite repeated warnings, to provide for the security of Baghdad's cultural buildings.

Once the museum staff were able to

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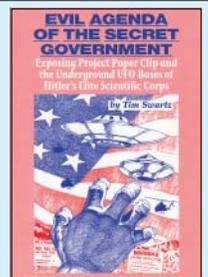
EVIL AGENDA OF THE SECRET GOVERNMENT

BY TIM SWARTZ

Exposes Project "Paper Clip" and the underground UFO bases of Hitler's elite scientific corps. Elements of the CIA and the Secret Government have imitated real alien abductions to convince the public of interplanetary invasion so New World Order gang can rule the Earth unchallenged.

Project Paperclip was the secret plan that took Nazi scientists and psychiatrists out of Germany and into the upper echelons of the U.S. governmental, scientific, and academic realms.

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communicate with the outside world, however, it became apparent that the looting was not random. **It was the work of people who knew what they were looking for and came specially equipped for the job.**

Dr. Dony George, head of the Baghdad Museum, said: "I believe they were people who knew what they wanted. They had passed by the gypsum copy of the Black Obelisk. This means that they must have been specialists. They did not touch those copies."

Speaking on Britain's Channel 4 News, he told Dr. John Curtis of the British Museum that among the artifacts that have been stolen are the sacred vase of Warka, a 5,000-year-old golden vessel found at Ur, an Akkadian statue base, and an Assyrian statue. It was, said Dr. Curtis, "Like stealing the Mona Lisa."

It was only almost a week after the museum was originally looted that Dr. George was able to alert archaeologists worldwide to what had been stolen. The American military authorities had made no effort to prevent the objects leaving Baghdad or to put in process an international search for the stolen artifacts.

The U.S. reluctance to act cannot be explained by any lack of warning. Professional archaeologists and art historians had told the Pentagon of the danger of looting beforehand. Dr. Irving Finkel of the British Museum told Channel 4 that the looting was "entirely predictable and could easily have been stopped".

The museum was the victim of a carefully planned assault. The thieves who took the most valuable material came prepared with equipment to lift the heaviest objects, which the staff could not move from the galleries, and had keys to the vaults where the most valuable items were stored. Not since the Nazis systematically stripped the museums of Europe has such a crime been committed.

The U.S. online publication of *BusinessWeek* magazine reiterated the theme of premeditation and conspiracy in the looting of Iraq's museums in an April 17 article headlined "**Were Baghdad's Antiquity Thieves Ready?**" The article carries the subtitle: "They may have known just what they were looking for because dealers ordered the most important pieces well in advance."

BusinessWeek writes: "It was almost as if the perpetrators were waiting for Baghdad to fall to make their move. Gil J. Stein, a professor of archaeology at the University of Chicago, which has been conducting digs in Iraq for 80 years, believes that dealers ordered the most important pieces well in advance. 'They were looking for very specific artifacts' he says. 'They knew where to look.'"

Since the last Gulf War in 1991, Iraqi antiquities have flooded onto the market

According to a report by the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, titled "The Trade In Illicit Antiquities: The Destruction Of The World's Archaeological Heritage" (produced in 2001), London and New York are the main markets for this trade. Switzerland, which allows an art work that has been in the country for five years to be granted a legal title, is a key trans-shipment point.

Professor Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, director of the McDonald Institute at Cambridge, told a press conference at the report's launch that the trade continued because: "The government is in the pocket of the art market, which wants to keep the flow of antiquities." He added: "It's a scandal."

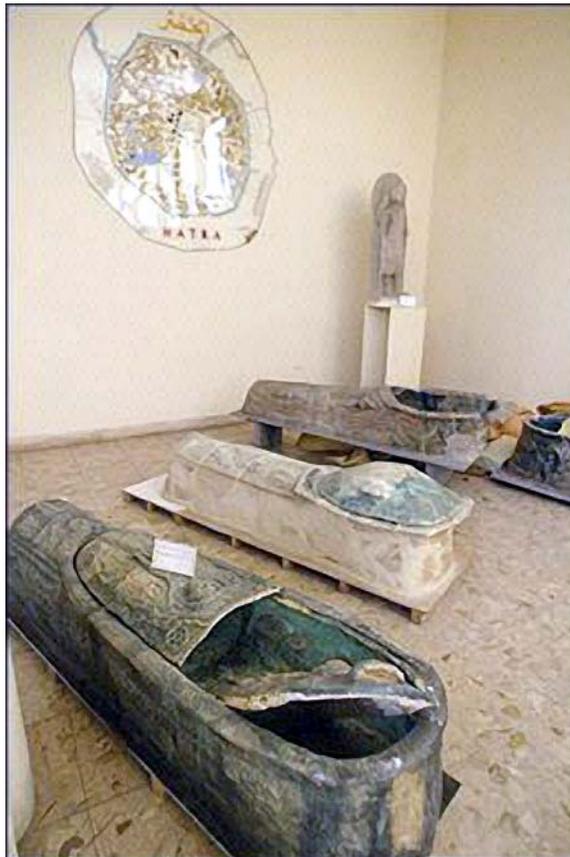
[Editor's note: This actively greedy underground market also acts as a perfect, willing cover for the REAL reason for such "looting"—that is, keeping ancient historical Truth from being revealed to a long-duped public that includes most historians.]

As news of the latest looting broke, the Labour government of British Prime Minister Tony Blair organised a hasty press conference in the British Museum, at which Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell promised official support to protect Iraqi antiquities.

Even as she spoke, the National Library of Iraq was being looted. Home to rare, centuries-old illuminated copies of the Koran and other examples of Islamic calligraphy, as well as irreplaceable historical documents from the Ottoman Empire, the building was set on fire, destroying an untold number of texts.

Reporter Robert Fisk [see his *dynamic up-front-and-personal story elsewhere in this issue of The SPECTRUM*], who saw the flames, ran to get U.S. Marines in an attempt to save some of the collection, but they refused to help. Fisk wrote in the *Independent*: "I gave the map location, the precise name in Arabic and English. I said the smoke could be seen from three miles away and it would take only five minutes to drive there. Half an hour later, there wasn't an American at the scene and the flames were shooting 200 feet into the air."

After the fate of Baghdad museum, it can only be concluded that the generalised looting and arson at the library served to cover up a more systematic crime, in which select



Tue Apr 15, 4:18 PM ET — A broken sarcophagus is seen after looters ransacked and looted Iraq's largest archeological museum in Baghdad (AFP/Ramzi Haidar)

from the museums that were looted then and from archaeological sites that have been attacked with bulldozers. At such locations ancient statues have been sawed apart so they could be exported.

This plundering of Iraq's cultural heritage has only whetted the appetite of collectors who are already responsible for looting Far Eastern, Latin American, and Italian archaeological sites. With the collapse of global stock markets, works of art and antiquities have come to be regarded even more highly as a secure investment, fuelling an already huge underground market.

The illegal trade in antiquities is thought to be as lucrative as drugs trafficking, to which it is often linked.

manuscripts were stolen for wealthy collectors. In the process they connived in the burning of books—another Nazi practice.

The Role Of The ACCP

In the aftermath of these two devastating attacks on culture, attention has focused on the activities of the American Council for Cultural Policy. Even the British press (that works under some of the toughest libel laws in the world) has been willing to suggest that the ACCP may have influenced U.S. government policy on Iraqi cultural artifacts.

The ACCP was formed in 2001 by a group of wealthy art collectors to lobby against the *Cultural Property Implementation Act*, which attempts to regulate the art market and stop the flow of stolen goods into the U.S. It has defended New York art dealer Frederick Schultz, who was convicted under the *National Stolen Property Act*, and opposes the use of the 1977 *U.S. v. McClain* decision as a legal precedent in cases concerning the handling of stolen art objects.

In the McClain case a U.S. judge accepted that all pre-Columbian art or jewelry brought into the U.S. without the express consent of the Mexican government was stolen property. Mexican law regards all archaeological artifacts as state property and bans their export. Mexico is one of a number of countries that has such legislation.

Ashton Hawkins, a leading art lawyer and founder of the ACCP, regards such legislation as “retentionist”. He has condemned the archaeologically rich “source” countries for attempting to protect their archaeological sites and museums by such measures, and has argued that, under the Clinton Administration, such “retentionist” policies came to dominate U.S. government policy.

[Editor’s note: Do you smell anything suspicious about a monied group that suddenly comes out of nowhere and has the audacity to assert that your property shouldn’t belong to you, but to those who want it? As Mark Twain said about a different matter: “Why, even a burglar couldn’t have said it better!” And the first sentence below is the killer clue revealing the hidden agenda.]

Hawkins has his sights set on the great Middle Eastern museums. He has called

for the Egyptian antiquities that are held in the Cairo Museum to be dispersed. “I would like to propose” he said, “that the Cairo Museum offer museums around the world the opportunity to acquire up to 50 objects for their collections. In return, the museums would make a very substantial contribution for the construction of the new museum under the Giza plateau—\$1 million each, for example.”

The ACCP’s inaugural meeting took place at the Fifth Avenue apartment of



Sun Apr 13, 6:57 PM ET — Parts of a beheaded sculpture lie among rubble after a mob of looters ransacked and looted Iraq's largest archeological museum in Baghdad (AFP/Patrick Baz)

Guido Goldman, a collector of Uzbek textiles. Among those present were Arthur Houghton, the former curator of the Getty Museum at Malibu in California, which is notorious for displaying works of suspicious provenance. Hawkins himself retired in 2000 as vice president of the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, an institution that, according to its own former director, Thomas Hoving, holds many artifacts looted from Etruscan tombs.

Before the war began, the ACCP met with Pentagon officials, declaring their great concern for Iraqi antiquities. What

that concern means is evident from the remarks of William Pearlstein, the group’s treasurer, who also describes Iraqi laws on antiquities as “retentionist”. The ACCP deny that they want Iraqi laws changed, but the looting of the museum and library will effectively circumvent that problem if U.S. law on stolen art objects and archaeological material can be changed.

Professor John Merryman of Stanford Law School and a member of the ACCP has called for a “selective international enforcement of export controls” in U.S. courts. In other words, it should be perfectly legitimate to import the objects looted from Baghdad if a U.S. court chooses not to recognise Iraqi legislation.

Merryman set out the organisation’s principles in a 1998 paper in which he argued that the fact that an art object had been stolen did not in itself bar it from lawful importation into the U.S.

[Editor’s note: Read the above again. Can you imagine such arrogance? No wonder truth is stranger than fiction! And if that reasoning isn’t corrupt enough, read on. And keep this typical kind of a “role model” in mind when you’re wondering about the astronomical cost of sending your children to one of the so-called “premier” higher educational institutions!]

He went on to claim: “The existence of a market preserves cultural objects that might otherwise be destroyed or neglected by providing them with a market value. In an open, legitimate trade cultural objects can move to the people and institutions that value them most and are therefore most likely to care for them.” (*International Law And Politics*, vol. 31:1)

This is a self-justifying argument that reeks of hypocrisy. Wealthy collectors can now point to the chaos on the streets of Baghdad, the looting of the museum, and the burning of the library as evidence that the Iraqis are unable or unwilling—too poor or too ignorant—to look after their treasures, which would be better housed in American museums or private collections.

The ACCP’s ideas represent the interests of particularly rapacious sections of the U.S. ruling class, who operate on the principle that everything—even an object of priceless artistic or scientific value—is defined by its “market value”.

What they mean is price, since the real value of the objects stolen from the Museum of Baghdad and the Iraqi National Library is incalculable. **These are quite literally people who understand the price of everything and the value of nothing.**

The prescription for the market to determine possession of and access to works of art and archaeological material would place these artifacts in the hands of a rich minority and make public access to them depend on the good will of their wealthy owners. Despite the fact that many of the ACCP members have been associated with major public institutions, their agenda is profoundly opposed to the public dissemination of art and archaeology. They are not only trying to change the law in other countries, but are working against the most progressive traditions of American society, which has always prized its public museums.

A Scientific Tradition

The development of public museums went hand in hand with the development of a scientific understanding of archaeological artifacts and the societies that produced them. Publicly funded museums represented a break with the tradition of private treasure-hunting. Their exhibits aimed to display the material artifacts of the past in a rational and scientific manner.

The accumulation of archaeological artifacts in private hands tends to disrupt scientific work, since material becomes scattered, is difficult to catalogue, and much of it remains unknown to scholars working in the field.

Public museums are public not only in their funding and because they open their galleries to visitors, but in the sense that they make knowledge available to all—something that has been recognised as a primary requisite of the scientific process since the scientific revolution of the seventeenth century.

One of the effects of the looting of the Baghdad museum has been to destroy the card catalog and computer records of the museum's holdings. This has not only made tracking down its treasures more difficult, but has also undermined generations of patient archaeological work. To destroy such a catalog is, both in a symbolic and practical sense, to make a collection private, because its contents become unknown to the outside world.

While the major objects are well known internationally, a museum's records goes far beyond these spectacular works of art. It includes all the minor finds of archaeological excavations that, in themselves, are not eye-catching, but when studied together produce a picture of a society that cannot be gained from its art alone.

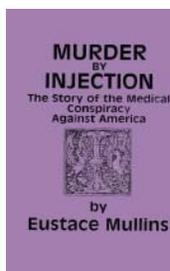
Archaeologists spend their time sifting the detritus of past civilisations, often literally. They may sieve tons of earth looking for beetle wing cases or seeds. Cess pits and rubbish heaps produce a wealth of knowledge. What is thrown away and discarded provides a context for the relics of great temples and palaces, or royal tombs.

Petr Charvat's recent book *Mesopotamia Before History* [1] contains lovingly photographed images of pieces of mud impressed with rush matting. This is not the stuff to grace a collector's cabinet, but reveals vital information about the craft skills and way of life of ancient Mesopotamians.

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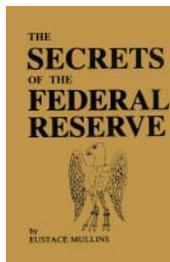


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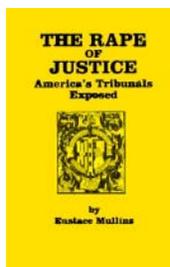
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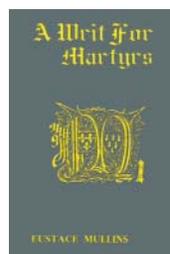


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Mullins was one of the principal victims of the notorious FBI counter-intelligence program called COINTEL, set up by Alex Rosen, one of five FBI assistant directors. The COINTEL program was actually organized by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the Mossad intelligence agency.

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therefore possessed a database of knowledge that was accessible to researchers internationally, and was the hub of a vast cooperative endeavour. **Its looting and the destruction of its records are a blow to world scholarship.** It threatens to turn the clock back more than 150 years, to the period before scientific archaeology in Mesopotamia.

Early excavations were, by modern standards, unscientific, as excavators were still learning their discipline by a process of trial and error. One of the most elementary lessons of that learning process was that context is everything in archaeology. An artifact can only tell its full story if its context is known.

By context, an archaeologist means the physical position of an artifact in the ground, its relationship to other artifacts, and to the layers of earth around it. From this information it is possible to determine an artifact's relative date and considerable information about its practical use and social significance. Ripped out of this context, it loses much of its meaning. Even the finest work of art can be better appreciated when its context and the social conditions of its creators are understood.

In its widest sense, understanding an artifact's context means understanding its relationship to the entire archaeological site at which it was found, to other sites round about it, and to the historic landscape in which it belongs. While national feelings are often evoked to justify keeping archaeological artifacts in their country of origin, the more important scientific reason for doing so is that the context of the artifact is preserved by keeping it close to where it was found.

It is still possible to see, in modern Iraq, houses built by similar methods to those employed by ancient builders and to see boats built to similar designs. The full significance of Mesopotamian artifacts can only be appreciated by seeing them in the context of the extraordinary landscape of modern Iraq—a country where every hill that rises above the plain has been built up from layers of mud brick representing generations of occupation.

The American colonial administrator, retired general Jay Garner, tried to co-opt the emotional impact of that landscape for his own political purposes by holding his big tent meeting within view of the 4,000-year-old ziggurat of Ur, which was the temple platform for the moon god Nanna. But by allowing the museum of Baghdad to be looted, the U.S. authorities have shown they have no regard for the real importance of Iraq to human history.

When the medieval European cartographers who drew the thirteenth century Hereford map of the world set out to represent the planet on which they lived, they put Asia at the top because to them it was the most important continent. There lay the lands of the *Bible*. Jerusalem was at the very centre of their world view, and beyond it lay Babylon, the scene of the Jewish captivity, the Tower of Babel, and Abraham's home in the city of Ur.

So deeply impressed on the European mind was the biblical image of the world that the first excavators of ancient sites in this region were looking for confirmation of the *Bible*. Even in the twentieth century, Leonard Woolley referred to his excavations at Warka by the biblical name of Ur of the Chaldees.

Yet the material that came out from the excavations carried out by Woolley, and others such as Layard, Botta, and Hormuzd Rassam, shook the Biblical view of the world.

Not the least important discovery was that familiar Bible stories such as Noah and the Flood had their origin in Mesopotamia long before the Bible was

written.

As the cuneiform writing of thousands of clay tablets was deciphered, it was realised that numerous complex and highly developed civilisations had existed in Mesopotamia of an antiquity never before guessed.

[Editor's note: The two paragraphs above only BEGIN to address the true reasons why the world-controlling elite so wanted to "remove" ancient data from public scrutiny through the "smoke screen" of the Iraq war. Again, go back to our March 2003 issue of The SPECTRUM for many more incredible details. Such awesome artifacts constitute "weapons of mass destruction" of the elite's long-held grip on humanity through major cultural and religious constructs of deception.]

The full extent of this history only became apparent as the technique of Carbon-14 dating and other scientific methods were refined. Only in the second half of the twentieth century was it realised that settled farming could be traced back to the mid-eleventh millennium B.C. in the Middle East.

The Cradle Of Civilization

The earliest farming communities do not occur in the area that is present-day Iraq, but in the better watered highlands of the Zagros Mountains, Anatolia, the Levant, and the Deh Luran Plain. Nevertheless, Iraq was the centre of the second phase of the protracted Neolithic Revolution that began with the domestication of animals and cereal crops.

In Iraq that revolution went a significant step further with the development of irrigation, a technique that vastly increased agricultural productivity. **The surplus produced by irrigation allowed the first urban civilisation on the planet to emerge in the very region that the combined military forces of the U.S. and the U.K. are reducing to a wasteland.**

By 5800 B.C., small farming communities were appearing along the Euphrates. Within a few centuries they had coalesced into dense urban settlements, each of several thousand people centred on a temple which was largely responsible for managing the irrigation system, distributing food, and importing stone, minerals, and timber from the neighbouring highlands.

Over two millennia these Mesopotamian cities developed the art of copper smelting, alloying bronze, and most importantly, writing. Writing was

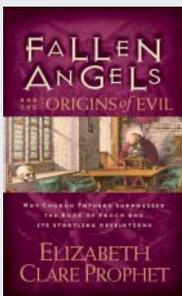
Fallen Angels And The Origins Of Evil

Did rebel angels take on human bodies to fulfill their lust for the "daughters of men"? Did these fallen angels teach men to build weapons of war?

That is the premise of the *Book of Enoch*, a text cherished by the Essenes, early Jews, and Christians, but later condemned by both rabbis and Church fathers. The book was denounced, banned, and "lost" for over a thousand years—until in 1773 a Scottish explorer discovered three copies in Ethiopia.

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essential to the administration of cities that depended on a largely artificial ecosystem created by irrigation, and which needed to import even the most vital raw materials. [2]

Writing enabled a dramatic intellectual development to take place. What began as a method of recording stores and deliveries became a medium for writing poetry, stories, and history. Science and mathematics flourished.

Modern research has revealed evidence of multiplication tables, tables of reciprocals, squares, square roots, cubes, and logarithms to bases 2 and 16. Other texts show volumes and areas, linear and quadratic equations. Babylonian mathematicians calculated the value of pi to 3.125, close to its true value. Astronomy was highly developed, and if it was understood in terms of omens and prophecy, its predictions of eclipses and the movement of the planets were nonetheless accurate. [3]

[Editor's note: Actually, the above assessment of "advanced" scientific cultural achievements is highly limited both by what has so far remained deliberately out of the hands of scrutiny of archaeologists, and because of the rules imposed if you want to keep your job and paychecks coming in. Such control mechanisms imposed by the elite have so far kept a number of astonishing truths out of public awareness concerning just how awesomely scientifically advanced were some ancient cultures on Earth due to their (1) interactions with and (2) heritage from extraterrestrial influences. When this Truth becomes generally better known—and it will—the game is up for the elite's spell of control over humanity on planet Earth.]

The social and political structure of Mesopotamian society cannot be traced directly from its material remains, and archaeologists differ about its character and the course of its development, but Petr Charvat finds in Mesopotamian society to 3000 B.C. that: "in all spheres of society the principle of universality and equality comes to the fore.... The material standard of living is equalised by redistribution.... People meet in assemblies to discuss and decide matters of common interest.... All receive the same treatment in life and death." (*Mesopotamia Before History*, pp.158-159)

From 3000 B.C. there is some evidence of social stratification and the emergence of a political elite or ruling class in the "royal burials" of Ur, but some archaeologists dispute this characterisation of those burials.

In this period two great civilisations emerge: in the south of present-day Iraq is the Sumerian civilization, and in the north the Akkadian, which are both based on a collection of city-states that preserve many of the cultural traditions of the earlier period. Not until 2334 B.C. does the first empire appear under the rule of Sargon of Agade, who unites these two confederations.

Sargon's short-lived empire was replaced by that of Ur Nammu in 2112 B.C. The thousands of clay tablets that survive from this period testify to the careful management of resources that kept this empire alive until 1990 B.C., when it was replaced by the Babylonian empire, which reached its high point under Hammurabi in 1792 B.C.

The mid-fourteenth century B.C. saw the rise of the first Assyrian empire. The Assyrians were to dominate Mesopotamia again, and the whole region from the Gulf to the Mediterranean in the ninth century B.C. In 612 B.C. the Babylonian empire was established. Its most outstanding ruler, Nebuchadnezzar, built the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the double walls of the city, the great ziggurat, and the processional way. He was responsible for sacking Jerusalem and taking many of the Jews into captivity.

This succession of empires, and the Persian empire that followed, were sustained by the immense productivity of the irrigation system and the complex system of administration that maintained it. The sophisticated concepts that had been developed in the process fed into the intellectual systems of later societies. Even the Greeks, from whom we derive the name for the land between the rivers, stood in awe of Mesopotamia's achievements.

One of the ministries that has been systematically destroyed in the recent days of looting is the Ministry of Irrigation. We might say that, by this

act, the U.S. Administration seeks to drive Iraq back to the dark ages, except that Iraq has never known a dark age in the sense that Europe has.

Empires might rise and fall, but as long as the irrigation system continued to function, the land between the rivers could produce more food than it needed. **By attacking the irrigation system, the U.S. Administration is causing more damage in a few weeks than any other previous invader.**

Iraq's cultural significance did not end with the close of the Persian empire. Throughout the Dark Ages of Europe it remained a haven of learning, preserving under the Caliphs of Baghdad classical texts lost in the West. Islamic scholarship was to prove vital to the re-emergence of Aristotelian philosophy in thirteenth century Europe and to the Renaissance.

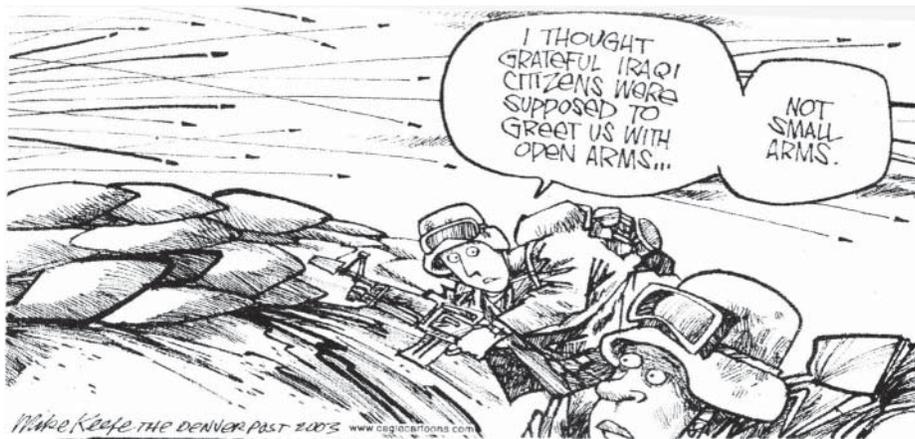
The full extent of the losses in this respect will only become apparent when the looting at the National Library is itemised. That account is yet to come.

What is already clear is that a great crime has been committed against not only the Iraqi people, but against the whole of humanity, since it is the history of humanity that has been attacked.

For this reason the sack of Baghdad marks a significant point on the trajectory of the Bush Administration [acting as puppets for the elite who put them into power in the first place] as it attempts to plunge the world into a new barbarism that would outstrip anything that history can show from the past.

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Operation American Freedom

[Continued From Front Cover]



Interview by Rick Martin

Even our schools have so watered down their teaching of the profound ideas upon which our society was formed that ones becoming adults in American society today have little-to-no appreciation for the divinely ordained birthright they have inherited to carry forward.

What were some of those “profound ideas” our Founding Fathers had in mind? How did THEY view freedom? What do YOU really know about what they had to say about it?

If you haven’t looked at any of their sparkling writings for awhile, you’re in for a heart-warming—and maybe even astonishing—surprise! What they had to say is as critical to a modern examination of the American conscience as it was, well, revolutionary at the time their thoughts were first put into words.

In this story I’m going to take us back and share some quotations from a few of the well-known Founders (and other authors from that period) on the matters of freedom and liberty. Then we’ll see how several modern thinkers view the same subject. I’ve likewise asked a few who might be considered modern courageous patriots of sorts, who I’ve interviewed over the years in these pages, to comment on the subject of freedom, too.

Are we a free society? Why? As a people, do we even know, these days, what it means to be free?

And if we aren’t free, why aren’t we? If we have moved down the path to servitude and enslavement, how may we reverse that trend and once again breathe freely?

Is it already too late? Or is it perhaps a dark hour before the dawn?

This first excerpt—which is only the first section of a magnificent yet little-known early revolutionary document—provides some very clear insight into the advanced thinking of the colonists four years PRIOR to the 1776 birth of the *Declaration Of Independence*.

The Committee of Correspondence was the first “national” gathering of opinions on the subject of colonial independence. It was chaired by Samuel Adams (1722-1803), a cousin of later-president John Adams. He organized opposition to the *Stamp Act* (1765), was the chief agitator at the Boston Tea Party (1773), and later signed the *Declaration Of Independence*:

[quoting]

The Rights Of The Colonists

The Report Of
The Committee Of Correspondence
To The Boston Town Meeting

by Samuel Adams

November 20, 1772

I. Natural Rights Of The Colonists As Men.

Among the natural rights of the Colonists are these: First, a right to life; Secondly, to liberty; Thirdly, to property; together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can. These are evident branches of, rather than deductions from, the duty of self-preservation, commonly called the First Law of Nature.

All men have a right to remain in a state of nature as long as they please; and in case of intolerable oppression, civil or religious, to leave the society they belong to, and enter into another.

When men enter into society, it is by voluntary consent; and they have a right to demand and insist upon the performance of such conditions and previous limitations as form an equitable original compact.

Every natural right not expressly given up, or, from the nature of a social compact, necessarily ceded, remains.

All positive and civil laws should conform, as far as possible, to the law of natural reason and equity.

As neither reason requires, nor religion permits, the contrary, every man living in or out of a state of civil society has a right peaceably and quietly to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience.

“Just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty” in matters spiritual and temporal, is a thing that all men are clearly entitled to by the eternal and immutable laws of God and Nature, as well as by the law of nations and all well-grounded municipal laws, which must have their foundation in the former.

In regard to religion, mutual toleration in the different professions thereof is what all good and candid minds in all ages have ever practiced, and, both by precept and example, inculcated on mankind. And it is now generally agreed among Christians that this spirit of toleration, in the fullest extent consistent with the being of civil society, is the chief characteristic mark of the Church.

Insomuch that Mr. Locke has asserted and proved, beyond the possibility of contradiction on any solid ground, that such toleration ought to be extended to all whose doctrines are not subversive of society. The only sects which he thinks ought to be—and which by all wise laws are—excluded from such toleration, are those who teach doctrines subversive of the civil government under which they live. The Roman Catholics or Papists are excluded by reason of such doctrines as these, that princes excommunicated may be deposed, and those that they call heretics may be destroyed without mercy; besides their recognizing the Pope in so absolute a manner, in subversion of government, by introducing, as far as possible into the states under whose protection they enjoy life, liberty, and property, that solecism in politics, imperium in imperio [translating something like: power through tyranny], leading directly to the worst anarchy and confusion, civil discord, war, and bloodshed.

The natural liberty of man, by entering into society, is abridged or restrained, so far only as is necessary for the great end of society: the best good of the whole.

In the state of nature every man is, under God, judge and sole judge of his own rights and of the injuries done him. By entering into society he agrees to an arbiter or indifferent judge between him and his neighbors; but he no more renounces his original right than by taking a cause out of the ordinary course of law, and leaving the decision to referees or indifferent arbitrators.

In the last case, he must pay the referees for time and trouble. He should also be willing to pay his just quota for the support of government, the law, and the constitution; the end of which is to furnish indifferent and impartial judges in all cases that may happen, whether civil, ecclesiastical, marine, or military.

The natural liberty of man is to be free from any superior power on Earth, and not to be under the will or legislative authority of man, but only to have the law of nature for his rule.

In the state of nature men may, as the patriarchs did, employ hired servants for the defense of their lives, liberties, and property; and they should pay them reasonable wages. Government was instituted for the purposes of common defense, and those who hold the reins of government have an equitable, natural right to an honorable support from the same principle that “the laborer is worthy of his hire”. But then the same community which they serve ought to be the assessors of their pay.

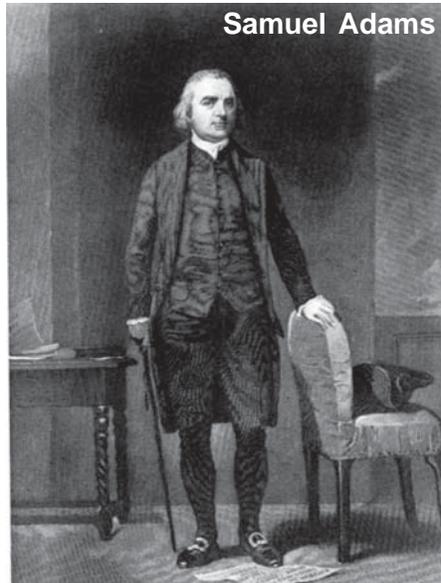
Governors have no right to seek and take what they please; by this, instead of being content with the station assigned them, that of honorable servants of the society, they would soon become absolute masters, despots, and tyrants. Hence, as a private man has a right to say what wages he will give in his private affairs, so has a community to determine what they will give and grant of their substance for the administration of public affairs. And, in both cases, more are ready to offer their service at the proposed and stipulated price than are able and willing to perform their duty.

In short, it is the greatest absurdity to suppose it in the power of one, or any number of men, at the entering into society, to renounce their essential natural rights, or the means of preserving those rights; when the grand end of civil government, from the very nature of its institution, is for the support, protection, and defense of those very rights; the principal of which, as is before observed, are Life, Liberty, and Property.

If men, through fear, fraud, or mistake, should in terms renounce or give up any essential natural right, the eternal law of reason and the grand end of society would absolutely vacate such renunciation. The right to freedom being the gift of God Almighty, it is not in the power of man to alienate this gift and voluntarily become a slave.

[end quoting]

So we see emerging, already in 1772, a strong consensus opinion about freedom being a DIVINE birthright, not up for debate among the powers of human governmental authority.



This next series of extracted quotes comes from a two-volume set of books titled *American Political Writing During The Founding Era, 1760—1805*, compiled by Charles S. Hyneman and Donald S. Lutz. Several odd spellings of that time period have been corrected for ease of reading.

When skipping to different passages from within the same article, I have identified the jump through the use of ***.

This first quote comes from an essay appearing in the October 6, 1766 issue of the *Charleston South Carolina Gazette*—ten years before the *Declaration Of Independence*:

[quoting]

The Tribune

As the stability and prosperity of this kingdom must primarily depend on freedom, and the security of freedom can only be in public virtue, it must of course follow to be pronounced, that whatever tends to undermine public virtue should be most carefully guarded against. ***

Let individuals then be but true to their common interests, and it will always be secure. But if they have not virtue or sense enough to do so, they will suffer themselves first to be made fools, and then deservedly slaves and wretches; for where power, on one side, has no bounds, their misery on the other, will be sure soon to have no limits, as we may be convinced by a candid survey of the conditions of many nations, and at no great distance from our own country.

[end quoting]

Notice the passionate undercurrent running through the expression of opinion. This is speaking from the heart, rather than some kind of academic exercise.

This next dissertation—by Thomas Paine, a man whose name is synonymous with representing the passion of the colonists about freedom and independence—comes from portions of *The Crisis*, 1776, with its famous first sentence:

[quoting]

These are the times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it NOW, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; ’tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. ***

Not a place upon Earth might be so happy as America. Her situation is remote from all the wrangling world, and she has nothing to do but to trade with them. A man can distinguish himself between temper and principle, and I am as confident, as I am that God governs the world, that America will never be happy till she gets clear of foreign dominion. Wars, without ceasing, will break out till that period arrives, and the continent must in the end be conqueror; for though the flame of liberty may sometimes cease to shine, the coal can never expire. ***

Quiting this class of men, I turn with the warm ardor of a friend to those who have nobly stood, and are yet determined to stand the matter out: I call not upon a few, but upon all: not on this state or that state, but on every state: up and help us; lay your shoulders to the wheel; better have too much force than too little, when so great an object is at stake. Let it be

told to the future world, that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive, that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet and to repulse it. Say not that thousands are gone, turn out your tens of thousands; throw not the burden of the day upon Providence, but "show your faith by your works" that God may bless you.

It matters not where you live, or what rank of life you hold, the evil or the blessing will reach you all. The far and the near, the home counties and the back, the rich and the poor, will suffer or rejoice alike. The heart that feels not now is dead; the blood of his children will curse his cowardice, who shrinks back at a time when a little might have saved the whole, and made them happy. I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection.

'Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death. My own line of reasoning is to myself as straight and clear as a ray of light. Not all the treasures of the world, so far as I believe, could have induced me to support an offensive war, for I think it murder; but if a thief breaks into my house, burns and destroys my property, and kills or threatens to kill me, or those that are in it, and to "bind me in all cases

whatsoever" to his absolute will, am I to suffer it? What signifies it to me, whether he who does it is a king or a common man; my countryman or not my countryman; whether it be done by an individual villain, or an army of them? If we reason to the root of things we shall find no difference; neither can any just cause be assigned why we should punish in the one case and pardon in the other.

Let them call me rebel and welcome, I feel no concern from it; but I should suffer the misery of devils, were I to make a whore of my soul by swearing allegiance to one whose character is that of a sottish, stupid, stubborn, worthless, brutish man. I conceive likewise a horrid idea in receiving mercy from a being, who at the last day shall be shrieking to the rocks and mountains to cover him, and fleeing with terror from the orphan, the widow, and the slain of America.

There are cases which cannot be overdone by language, and this is one. There are persons, too, who see not the full extent of the evil which threatens them; they solace themselves with hopes that the enemy, if he succeed, will be merciful. It is the madness of folly, to expect mercy from those who have refused to do justice; and even mercy, where conquest is the object, is only a trick of war; the cunning of the fox is as murderous as the violence of the wolf, and we ought to guard equally against both.

[end quoting]

And then we read the following reflection by this same fiery author and orator, at about the time of the ending of the Revolutionary War in the early 1780s:

[quoting]

Thoughts On The Peace, And The Probable Advantages Thereof

"The times that tried men's souls" are over and the greatest and completest revolution the world ever knew, gloriously and happily accomplished.

But to pass from the extremes of danger to safety, from the tumult of war to the tranquility of peace, though sweet in contemplation, requires a gradual composure of the senses to receive it. Even calmness has the power of stunning, when it opens too instantly upon us.

The long and raging hurricane that should cease in a moment, would leave us in a state rather of wonder than enjoyment; and some moments of recollection must pass, before we could be capable of tasting the felicity of repose. There are but few instances, in

which the mind is fitted for sudden transitions: it takes in its pleasures by reflection and comparison, and those must have time to act, before the relish for new scenes is complete.

In the present case the mighty magnitude of the object, the various uncertainties of fate it has undergone, the numerous and complicated dangers we have suffered or escaped, the eminence we now stand on, and the vast prospect before us, must all conspire to impress us with contemplation.

To see it in our power to make a world happy to teach mankind the art of being so to exhibit, on the theater of the universe, a character hitherto unknown, and to have, as it were, a new creation entrusted to our hands, are honors that command reflection, and can neither be too highly estimated, nor too gratefully received.

In this pause, then, of recollection while the storm is ceasing, and the long-agitated mind vibrating to a rest, let us look back on the scenes we have passed, and learn from experience what is yet to be done.

Never, I say, had a country so many openings to happiness as this. Her setting out in life, like the rising of a fair morning, was unclouded and promising. Her cause was good. Her principles just and liberal. Her temper serene and firm. Her conduct regulated by the nicest steps, and everything about her wore the mark of honor.

It is not every country (perhaps there is not another in the world) that can boast so fair an origin. Even the first settlement of America corresponds with the character of the revolution. Rome, once the proud mistress of the universe, was originally a band of ruffians. Plunder and rapine made her rich, and her oppression of millions made her great. But America need never be ashamed to tell her birth, nor relate the stages by which she rose to empire.

The remembrance, then, of what is past, if it operates rightly, must inspire her with the most laudable of all ambition—that of adding to the fair fame she began with. The world has seen her great in adversity; struggling, without a thought of yielding, beneath accumulated difficulties, bravely, nay proudly, encountering distress, and rising in resolution as the storm increased. All this is justly due to her, for her fortitude has merited the character.

Let, then, the world see that she can bear prosperity; and that her honest virtue in time of peace, is equal to the bravest virtue in time of war.

She is now descending to the scenes of

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quiet and domestic life. Not beneath the cypress shade of disappointment, but to enjoy in her own land, and under her own vine, the sweet of her labors, and the reward of her toil. In this situation, may she never forget that a fair national reputation is of as much importance as independence. That it possesses a charm that wins upon the world, and makes even enemies civil. That it gives a dignity which is often superior to power, and commands reverence where pomp and splendor fail.

It would be a circumstance ever to be lamented and never to be forgotten, were a single blot, from any cause whatever, suffered to fall on a revolution, which to the end of time must be an honor to the age that accomplished it; and which has contributed more to enlighten the world, and diffuse a spirit of freedom and liberality among mankind, than any human event (if this may be called one) that ever preceded it.

It is not among the least of the calamities of a long continued war, that it unhinges the mind from those nice sensations which at other times appear so amiable. The continual spectacle of woe blunts the finer feelings, and the necessity of bearing with the sight, renders it familiar.

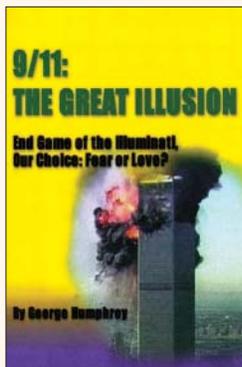
In like manner, are many of the moral obligations of society weakened, till the custom of acting by necessity becomes an apology, where it is truly a crime. Yet let but a nation conceive rightly of its character, and it will be chastely just in protecting it. None ever began with a fairer character than America, and none can be under a greater obligation to preserve it.

The debt which America has contracted, compared with the cause she has gained, and the advantages to flow from it, ought scarcely to be mentioned. She has it in her choice to do, and to live as happily as she pleases. The world is in her hands. She has no foreign power to monopolize her commerce, perplex her legislation, or control her prosperity. The struggle is over, which must one day have happened, and, perhaps, never could have happened at a better time. And instead of a domineering master, she has gained an ally whose exemplary greatness, and universal liberality, have extorted a confession even from her enemies.

With the blessings of peace, independence, and a universal commerce, the states, individually and collectively, will have leisure and opportunity to regulate and establish their domestic concerns, and to put it beyond the power of calumny to throw

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the least reflection on their honor. Character is much easier kept than recovered, and that man, if any such there be, who, from sinister views, or littleness of soul, lends unseen his hand to injure it, contrives a wound it will never be in his power to heal.

As we have established an inheritance for posterity, let that inheritance descend, with every mark of an honorable conveyance. The little it will cost, compared with the worth of the states, the greatness of the object, and the value of the national character, will be a profitable exchange.

But that which must more forcibly strike a thoughtful, penetrating mind, and which includes and renders easy all inferior concerns, is the **Union of the States**. On this our great national character depends.

It is this which must give us importance abroad and security at home. It is through this only that we are, or can be, nationally known in the world; it is the flag of the United States which renders our ships and commerce safe on the seas, or in a foreign port. Our Mediterranean passes must be obtained under the same style. All our treaties, whether of alliance, peace, or commerce, are formed under the sovereignty of the United States, and Europe knows us by no other name or title.

The division of the empire into states

is for our own convenience, but abroad this distinction ceases. The affairs of each state are local. They can go no further than to itself. And were the whole worth of even the richest of them expended in revenue, it would not be sufficient to support sovereignty against a foreign attack.

In short, we have no other national sovereignty than as United States. Individuals, or individual states, may call themselves what they please; but the world, and especially the world of enemies, is not to be held in awe by the whistling of a name. Sovereignty must have power to protect all the parts that compose and constitute it: and as **United States** we are equal to the importance of the title, but otherwise we are not.

Our union, well and wisely regulated and cemented, is the cheapest way of being great, the easiest way of being powerful, and the happiest invention in government which the circumstances of America can admit of. Because it collects from each state, that which, by being inadequate, can be of no use to it, and forms an aggregate that serves for all.

The states of Holland are an unfortunate instance of the effects of individual sovereignty. Their disjointed condition exposes them to numerous intrigues, losses, calamities, and enemies; and the almost impossibility of bringing their measures to a decision,

and that decision into execution, is to them, and would be to us, a source of endless misfortune.

It is with confederated states as with individuals in society; something must be yielded up to make the whole secure. In this view of things we gain by what we give, and draw an annual interest greater than the capital. I ever feel myself hurt when I hear the union, that great palladium of our liberty and safety, the least irreverently spoken of. It is the most sacred thing in the *Constitution* of America, and that which every man should be most proud and tender of.

Our citizenship in the United States is our national character. Our citizenship in any particular state is only our local distinction. By the latter we are known at home, by the former to the world. Our great title is **Americans**, our inferior one varies with the place.

So far as my endeavors could go, they have all been directed to conciliate the affections, unite the interests, and draw and keep the mind of the country together; and the better to assist in this foundation work of the revolution, I have avoided all places of profit or office, either in the state I live in, or in the United States; kept myself at a distance from all parties and party connections, and even disregarded all private and inferior concerns; and when we take into view the great work which we have gone through, and feel, as we ought to feel, the just importance of it, we shall then see, that the little wranglings and indecent contentions of personal parley, are as dishonorable to our characters, as they are injurious to our repose.

It was the cause of America that made me an author. The force with which it struck my mind and the dangerous condition the country appeared to me in, by courting an impossible and an unnatural reconciliation with those who were determined to reduce her, instead of striking out into the only line that could

cement and save her, the *Declaration of Independence*, made it impossible for me, feeling as I did, to be silent; and if, in the course of more than seven years, I have rendered her any service, I have likewise added something to the reputation of literature, by freely and disinterestedly employing it in the great cause of mankind, and showing that there may be genius without prostitution.

Independence always appeared to me practicable and probable, provided the sentiment of the country could be formed and held to the object; and there is no instance in the world, where a people so extended, and wedded to former habits of thinking, and under such a variety of circumstances, were so instantly and effectually pervaded, by a turn in politics, as in the case of independence; and who supported their opinion, undiminished, through such a succession of good and ill fortune, till they crowned it with success.

But as the scenes of war are closed, and every man preparing for home and happier times, I therefore take my leave of the subject. I have most sincerely followed it from beginning to end, and through all its turns and windings; and whatever country I may hereafter be in, I shall always feel an honest pride at the part I have taken and acted, and a gratitude to Nature and Providence for putting it in my power to be of some use to mankind.

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Notice in the above the shining qualities of the human spirit and the solid respect for a Higher Authority—principles which were dear to those who fought for a FREE and INDEPENDENT United States.

Let's now turn to a message written about 25 years AFTER the American Revolution by one of the principals involved. Because of its looking-back perspective, it's easier to find yourself, a resident in this modern world, relating to

the sentiments and, in some places, saying to yourself that this speech could just as well have been written today. What follows are excerpts from Noah Webster's grand yet brutally honest commemorative oration of 1802:

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An Oration On The Anniversary Of
The Declaration Of Independence

New Haven, 1802

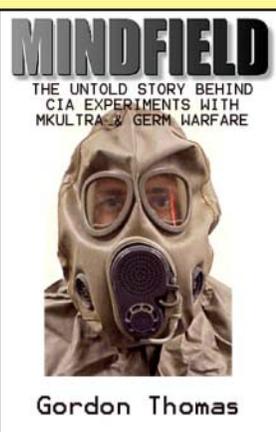
by Noah Webster

It is worthy of observation, that nations sometimes begin their political existence, as young men begin the world, with more courage than foresight, and more enthusiasm than correct judgment. Unacquainted with the perils that await their progress, or disdaining the maxims of experience, and confident of their own powers, they expect to attain to supereminent greatness and prosperity, by means which other nations have found ineffectual, and bid defiance to calamities by which others have been overwhelmed.

Nations, like individuals, may be misled by an ardent enthusiasm, which allures them from the standard of practical wisdom, and commits them to the guidance of visionary projectors. By fondly cherishing the opinion that they enjoy some superior advantages of knowledge, or local situation, the rulers of a state may lose the benefit of history and observation, the surest guides in political affairs; and delude themselves with the belief, that they have wisdom to elude or power to surmount the obstacles which have baffled the exertions of their predecessors. ***

The eminent characters who have conducted the revolutions in England and America, have laid it down as a fundamental principle in government, that by nature all men are "FREE, INDEPENDENT, and EQUAL", and this principle, without definition or limitation, forms a main pillar of our constitutions.

If there were but a single man on Earth, he certainly could have no masters—but the elements and the inflexible laws of Nature. But political axioms, if not mere empty sounds, must have reference to a social state. How then, can men, exposed to each other's power, and wanting each other's aid, be FREE and INDEPENDENT? If one member of a society is free and independent, all the members must be equally so. In such a community, no restraint could exist, for this would destroy freedom and

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independence.

But in such a state of things, the will of each individual would be his only rule of action, and his will would be supported by his strength. Force then would be the ultimate arbiter of right and wrong, and the wills of the weaker must bend to the power of the stronger. A society, therefore, existing in a state of nature, if such a state can be supposed in which there should be no law but individual wills, must necessarily be in perpetual anarchy or despotism.

But no such state of society can exist. The very act of associating destroys the natural freedom and independence of each member of the society, anterior to any compact limiting their respective powers and rights; for it is a principle, resulting from the very nature of society, independent of any mutual agreement for the purpose, that one individual shall not exercise his own power to another's prejudice.

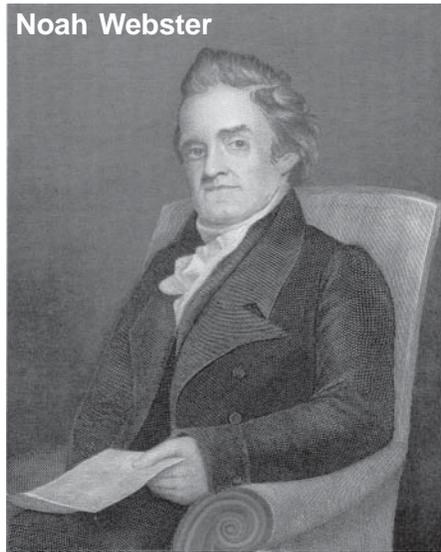
Of course, by the very constitution of society, the will of each member is restrained by the laws of general utility, or common good, the details of which are to be regulated by the supreme power. Whatever may be the abstract reasoning of men on this subject, the practice has been, and by the nature of man, must continue to be, that the members of a state or body politic, hold their rights subject to the direction and control of the sovereignty of the state.

It is needless to discuss questions of natural right as distinct from a social state, for all rights are social, and subordinate to the supreme will of the whole society. Nor, without such a supreme controlling power over all the members of a state, can an individual possess and enjoy liberty.

In the supposed state of nature, every man being free from the restraint of law, every man would be subject to the restraint of force, and of course would be a slave. Civil liberty, therefore, instead of being derived from natural freedom and independence, is the creature of society and government. Man is too feeble to protect himself, and unless he can protect himself, he is not free. But to secure protection, man must submit to the restraints of a sovereign power; subordination, therefore, is the very essence of civil liberty. Yet how often has the abstract, undefined proposition, that "all men are by nature free and independent" furnished the motive or the apology for insurrection!

Equally fallacious is the doctrine of equality, of which much is said, and little understood. That one man in a state has as good a right as another to his life,

limbs, reputation, and property, is a proposition that no man will dispute. Nor will it be denied that each member of a society, who has not forfeited his claims by misconduct, has an equal right to protection. But if, by equality, writers understand an equal right to distinction, and influence; or if they understand an equal share of talents and bodily powers; in these senses, all men are NOT equal. Such an equality would be inconsistent with the whole economy of Nature. In the animal and vegetable world, however strong the general resemblance in the individuals of a species, each is marked with a distinct character; and this diversity is one of the principal beauties of Creation, and probably an important



feature in the system.

There are, and there must be, distinctions among men; they are established by Nature, as well as by social relations. Age, talents, virtue, public services, the possession of office and certain natural relations, carry with them just claims to distinction, to influence, and authority. Miserable, indeed, would be the condition of men, if the son could disengage himself from the authority of his father; the apprentice from the command of his master; and the citizen from the dominion of the law and the magistrate.

Again: It is asserted as an axiom in politics, that the sovereign power resides in the people. Unfortunately our language does not, like the Roman, distinguish the *populus* from the *plebs*; the free citizens from those who have not the privilege of suffrage. But if we restrict the word people to the free citizens or electors, what act of sovereign power do they, or can they, exercise? They cannot assemble for debate; but sovereignty consists in the single will of

a body acting together, deliberating, deciding, and capable of carrying its decrees into effect. Do the people possess this power?

To avoid this absurdity, some writers allege that the sovereign power is **derived from** the people. This proposition is more correct. The people possess the right of electing agents or substitutes to meet and constitute the supreme power, and farther than this right of electing, which is exercised by a private act of each individual, the people cannot possibly have a share in the sovereign power. This right of election is certainly a precious right, and one which, if used with discretion, is the safety and glory of a free state; but the exercise of it cannot, with propriety, be denominated an act of sovereignty.

Closely connected with this axiom, are the principles recognized by some of the State *Constitutions*, that "**the people have a right to meet together to consult upon the common good, give instructions to their representatives, and request of the legislature a redress of wrongs.**" But are the rights here described compatible with each other? Are they consistent with the nature of a representative republic? The electors appoint deputies or substitutes, and by that act, delegate away their own power; how then can they meet and exercise the same power? And it is to be observed in this species of delegation, that the agent is appointed, for this very reason, that the electors in person cannot deliberate and act upon public affairs, in their several towns or districts, for if they could, no substitution would be necessary.

The right in the electors to meet and deliberate on the common good, is directly incompatible with the act of delegation, which they have before exercised.

And it ought not to be forgotten, that the insurgents in Massachusetts, in 1786, cited the clause in the *Declaration Of Rights*, prefixed to the *Constitution of that State*, recognizing this right of meeting and consulting for the common good, in justification of their opposition to the law.

It should be remarked farther, that the same clauses in the constitutions, which authorize the people to **instruct** their representatives, permit them only to **request** of the legislature a redress of grievances. But a right to **instruct**, is a right to **direct** and **control**. **Instruction** implies superior power, whereas, **request** implies a want of such power, or subordination. Such are the contradictions which disfigure our constitutions!

In the same spirit of exalting the people over the legislature and the magistrate, it is asserted that the officers of government are the **servants of the people, and accountable to them**. Is not the direct tendency of such language to degrade all authority, to bring the laws and the officers of government into contempt, and to encourage discontent, faction, and insurrection?

Such language is not correct—the proposition is not true either in theory or fact. The legislative officers are declared, by the *Constitution*, not to be liable to be called in question, for their opinions or votes their inviolability is guaranteed in the most express manner.

How then can they be accountable to the people? The two propositions are a contradiction in terms. The power of the people to omit choosing a representative at a subsequent election is, by no means, a power to call him to account for his conduct. Nor are executive and judicial officers responsible to the people. If guilty of crimes and misdemeanors, they are answerable to the laws in courts of justice, and to no other tribunal.

It is not unfrequent, that the citizens of our country express their surprise at the popular tumults which have disturbed our tranquility. They are astonished that, in this free country, the people should be so lost to a sense of their duty as to resist the laws. But their surprise must cease, when, upon examination, they find that the people have a constitutional right to direct and control the legislature.

The transition from the right of **instruction** to the right of **resistance** is extremely easy; and if all officers of government are the **servants** of the people, how can it be expected that the masters should not, at times, take the government out of the hands of the servants?

To ourselves, however, and to posterity, it will be useful to inquire, with candor and impartiality, into the causes of our disappointments. The real truth is, our revolutionary schemes were too visionary—and our hopes too sanguine. A republican government, in which the supreme power is created by choice, is unquestionably the most excellent form of government in theory; and with all its imperfections, is, in fact, the most eligible form for nations in the early stages of society.

In old, corrupt, and very populous nations, it is probable that the state of society must always prevent the mass of citizens from acquiring that portion of property, knowledge, and independence of mind, which are absolutely essential to render an elective government a public blessing. Government takes its form very much from the character of the people to be governed; and a republican or free government, necessarily springs from the state of society, manners, and property in the United States. No other form is proper for the country; no other will suit the present state of society; no other can be imposed upon our citizens. It would be as difficult to establish a monarchy in the United States, as to found a durable republic in France; and the difficulty would, in both, proceed from a common cause: the unfitness of each species of government for the people of the respective countries.

The French project, of conquering all nations into liberty, or of giving them all a republican government, has had its admirers. We have seen the tragedy and its catastrophe. As well might the reformers of government attempt to fit all nations with one kind of garment, compelling a Laplander to wear, in winter, the muslins of India, or the tribes that pant beneath a sultry Sun on the banks of the Senegal, to wrap themselves in the furs of Siberia.

But although a republican government is admitted to be the best and most congenial to our state of society, its innate perfections and unavoidable abuses render it far less durable than its enthusiastic admirers have supposed. This conclusion, drawn from experience, should silence the complaints of men, who look for more perfection in government than it is susceptible of receiving; it should allay the animosities and temper the discussions of our citizens; it should produce a more indulgent spirit towards the faults of men in power and the errors of private individuals.

The consideration, also, that the intended effects of a free government are mostly defeated by an abuse of its privileges, should make us more solicitous to acquire a deep and correct knowledge of its true principles, and more vigilant in guarding against the impositions of designing men—men who seek offices by fair promises, and flatter only to deceive.

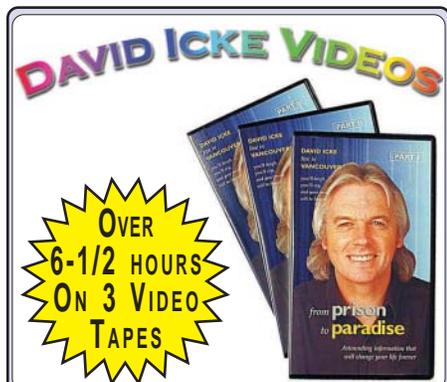
Most men are more willing to command than to obey; and more men are desirous to obtain public favor, than are willing to deserve it, by severe study and laborious services. One truth, also, ought to be deeply impressed on the minds of freemen: that men of real worth are always the last to seek offices for themselves, and the last to clamor against men of worth who possess them.

But while considerations like these should abate the expectations of the enthusiast, we should carefully avoid despondence, and faithfully exert our talents to realize the blessings of freedom, under our present form of government.

The real object of the revolution was to secure to the United States the privilege of governing themselves—not to dissolve all government and resign our country to be the sport of licentious passions and wild misrule. The real object of Independence ought not to be abandoned; it must be steadily and perseveringly pursued. Weak or wicked men may occasionally rise to distinction in the public councils; but whoever may be the men in power, let the government be obeyed.

As the poet enjoins: “Respect to your great place; and let the devil be sometimes honored for his burning throne.” [*Measure For Measure*]

To know the real worth of men, their talents and views must be put to the test. The weak and the corrupt, exalted to high and responsible stations, are tried and exposed, and from their elevations, they fall like Lucifer, never again to rise.



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Nor are combinations of profligate men very formidable in society, as their influence can never be of long duration. Were the power of such combinations equal to the turpitude of the members, they would, in every age, overwhelm the Earth. But it is the decree of Heaven that the league of iniquity should dissolve, like a rope of sand, for the same perfidious principles which impel men to betray their country and its religion, will make them treacherous to each other.

While we thus attend to the objects of the revolution, with the errors and dangers to which our government is exposed, let us employ a moment in calling to mind the gloomy scenes and vicissitudes of the war, the wants, the feebleness, and the distractions of the Colonies; the distresses of the army, and the solicitude of our citizens. This solemn anniversary has demands upon the sensibilities of the heart, no less than upon the faculties of the mind; and by mingling the recollections of manly sorrow, with the joys of the day, we unite the purposes of virtue with convivial pleasure, and give dignity to the festival.

Let this anniversary renew the deep but tranquil grief of the aged sire, who bore the bleeding carcase of a brave son, from the field of victory to a grave. Let it revive the keen anguish of the mother, whose heart was wrung by the loss of a favorite son, and of the widow, bereaved of an affectionate husband. Let it soften the heart of the orphan, whose hopes of protection and support were blasted by the premature fate of a kind father!

Yet while we yield, for the moment, to the sensibilities of our nature, let the proud recollection of the glory won, and the blessings acquired, in the field of battle, arrest the sympathies of the soul, and check the rising flood of sorrow. While our hearts melt with the recollection of the severe sufferings and glorious fate of our departed friends, let us be animated with new zeal to imitate their virtues, and with fresh desires to cherish the honor and interest of the country, which they shed their blood to defend.

Let the youth of our country, who were not spectators of the distresses of the war, but who have entered upon the stage of life in time to see the silver locks of the revolutionary patriots, and to witness the scars and the poverty of the war-worn soldier—let these ponder the history and listen to the tale of their fathers' sufferings, and their country's danger. Let them read the animated and energetic addresses of the first American Congress, whose firmness and eloquence would have honored a Roman Senate. Let them

early imbibe the manly and dignified sentiments of that illustrious council which pointed out the road to independence. Let them catch a portion of the patriotic flame, and by learning to revere the sentiments, may they be led to follow the example, of those venerable sages.

Let them review, in imagination, the heroic achievements of the American troops. Let them see, at Bunker's hill, a few hardy farmers, twice repulsing the numerous, well-marshalled columns of the foe, and holding the issue of the contest in suspense. Let them transport their imaginations to the hills of Bennington, the fields of Saratoga, the almost inaccessible cliffs of Stony Point, and the plains of Yorktown, where the armies of America closed their triumphs; there let them admire the heroism of the citizen soldier, and catch the spirit of victory.

Then let them cast their eyes upon a shattered army, retreating before a triumphant foe. See the magnanimous Washington, almost deserted and driven to despair, rallying a small band of half-clothed, dispirited troops, whose naked feet, lacerated with the frost-bound clods, stained the road with blood, as they marched to the victories of Trenton and Princeton! Let scenes like these lead them to compassionate the distresses of a half-famished soldiery, who suffered and bled to defend the blessings which we now enjoy, and whose services are yet unrewarded.

And when our youth see a needy soldier, grown old in poverty, or the widows and orphans of soldiers, doomed to want by the loss of their protectors and the depreciation of government paper, let them open the liberal hand of bounty,

and by relieving their wants, still divide with them the burdens and the distresses of the revolution. Let them consider that upon them has devolved the task of defending and improving the rich inheritance, purchased by their fathers. Nor let them view this inheritance of National Freedom and Independence as a fortune that is to be squandered away, in ease and riot, but as an estate to be preserved only by industry, toil, and vigilance.

Let them cast their eyes around upon the aged fathers of the land, whose declining strength calls for their support, and whose venerable years and wisdom demand their deference and respect. Let them view the fair daughters of America, whose blushing cheeks and modest deportment invite their friendship and protection; whose virtues they are to cherish and reward by their love and fidelity; and whose honor and happiness it is their duty to maintain inviolable. Let them learn to merit the esteem and affections of females of worth, whose rank in life depends much on the reputation of their husbands, and who therefore never fail to respect men of character, as much as they despise those who waste their lives in idleness, gaming, and frivolous pursuits.

And let us pay the tribute of respect to the memory of the illustrious hero who led our armies in the field of victory, and the statesman who first presided over our national councils. Let us review the history of his life, to know his worth and learn to value his example and his services.

Let us, with a solemn pleasure, visit his tomb; there to drop a tear of affection, and heave a fervent sigh, over departed greatness. There let us pluck a sprig of

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the willow and the laurel that shade the ashes of a Washington, and bear it on our bosoms, to remind us of his amiable virtues, his distinguished achievements, and our irreparable loss!

Then let us resume our stations in life, and animated by his illustrious example, cheerfully attend to the duties assigned us, of improving the advantages, secured to us by the toils of the revolution, and the acquisition of independence. FINIS.

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Don't you think the above oration would make a great teaching document for analysis and discussion in high schools throughout the country today? The points—both weaknesses and strengths—that Noah Webster recounts would make a great exercise in understanding and appreciating what all is behind the concept of freedom as visualized for the then-young United States. His oration begs a comparison to where we stand today as a so-called "free" society!

Now let's turn to an essay by a lesser-known contemporary of Noah Webster whose *Glossary Of Archaic And Provincial Words* was later incorporated in Noah Webster's dictionary:

[quoting]

On Civil Liberty, Passive Obedience,
And Nonresistance

by Jonathan Boucher, 1775

***To respect the laws is to respect liberty in the only rational sense in which the term can be used, for liberty consists in a subserviency to law. "Where there is no law" says Mr. Locke, "there is no freedom." The mere man of nature (if such a one there ever was) has no freedom: **all his lifetime he is subject to bondage.** It is by being included within the pale of civil polity and government that he takes his rank in society as a free man.

Hence it follows that we are free, or otherwise, as we are governed by law, or by the mere arbitrary will, or wills, of any individual, or any number of individuals.

And liberty is not the setting at naught and despising established laws—much less the making our own wills the rule of our own actions, or the actions of others—and not bearing (whilst yet we dictate to others) the being dictated to, even by the laws of the land; but it is the being governed by law and by law only.

The Greeks described Eleutheria, or Liberty, as the daughter of Jupiter, the supreme fountain of power and law. And the Romans, in like manner, always drew her with the pretor's wand (the emblem of

legal power and authority), as well as with the cap. Their idea, no doubt, was that liberty was the fair fruit of just authority and that it consisted in men's being subjected to law. The more carefully well-devised restraints of law are enacted, and the more rigorously they are executed in any country, the greater degree of civil liberty does that country enjoy. To pursue liberty, then, in a manner not warranted by law, whatever the pretense may be, is clearly to be hostile to liberty; and those persons who thus **promise you liberty** are themselves **the servants of corruption.**

***True liberty, then, is a liberty to do everything that is right, and the being



Jonathan Boucher

restrained from doing anything that is wrong. So far from our having a right to do everything that we please, under a notion of liberty, liberty itself is limited and confined—but limited and confined only by laws which are at the same time both its foundation and its support. It can, however, hardly be necessary to inform you that ideas and notions respecting liberty, very different from these, are daily suggested in the speeches and the writings of the times; and also that some opinions on the subject of government at large, which appear to me to be particularly loose and dangerous, are advanced in the sermon now under consideration; and that, therefore, you will acknowledge the propriety of my bestowing some farther notice on them both. ***

No government upon Earth can rightfully compel any one of its subjects to an active compliance with anything that is, or that appears to his conscience to be, inconsistent with, or contradictory to, the known Laws of

God, because every man is under a prior and superior obligation to obey God in all things. When such cases of incompatible demands of duty occur, every well-informed person knows what he is to do; and every well-principled person will do what he ought, viz., he will submit to the ordinances of God rather than comply with the commandments of men.

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Though his family name sounds of French origin, Boucher (1738-1804) was an English-American clergyman who went to Virginia in 1759 as a private tutor. As rector of Annapolis, Maryland, he tutored George Washington's stepson and became a family friend. A conservative scholar who supported established authority, he used his pulpit to combat the winds of revolution that began to sweep the country after 1764, and these views finally cost him his position and he was forced to return to England in September of 1775. In his retirement he wrote *A View Of The Causes And Consequences Of The American Revolution* in 1779. One wonders if, in later life and upon reflection, he felt he had made a mistake in not participating more in the great American freedom experiment.

This next item is a good example of the kinds of concepts which the individual states and their peoples were expressing that eventually became part of the *Declaration Of Independence* as a national document:

[quoting]

Virginia Declaration
Of Rights — 1776

All men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety.

[end quoting]

The above sentiment, with variations, was a common theme in the expressions of basic freedoms by the peoples of the other states, too.

The following is another good example of the kind of thinking that went into the formation of the United States, this time by a not-well-known individual who actually should be a lot better known. (Perhaps that's yet another reflection on what has happened to the content of our history books.)

James Wilson (1742-1798) was a

Scottish-background American lawyer and politician. He arrived in Philadelphia in 1765, where he practiced law after studies with J. Dickinson. In 1774 he published a widely read treatise proposing a commonwealth of British colonies. He was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, a delegate to the Continental Congress (1775-77), and a signer of the *Declaration Of Independence*. He helped draft the *U.S. Constitution* and the *Pennsylvania State Constitution*, and he delivered several lectures that became landmarks in American jurisprudence. He served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1789 to 1798.

Here is what he had to say:
[quoting]

Of The Natural Rights
Of Individuals

by James Wilson, 1790

“The law”, says Sir William Blackstone, “which restrains a man from doing mischief to his fellow citizens, though it diminishes the natural, increases the civil liberty of mankind.”

In a state of natural liberty, everyone is allowed to act according to his own inclination, provided he transgress not those limits which are assigned to him by the law of nature: in a state of civil liberty, he is allowed to act according to his inclination, provided he transgress not those limits which are assigned to him by the municipal law. True it is that, by the municipal law, some things may be prohibited which are not prohibited by the law of nature; but equally true it is that, under a government which is wise and good, every citizen will gain more liberty than he can lose by these prohibitions. He will gain more by the limitation of other men’s freedom, than he can lose by the diminution of his own. He will gain more by the enlarged and undisturbed exercise of his natural liberty in innumerable instances, than he can lose by the restriction of it in a few.

Upon the whole, therefore, man’s natural liberty, instead of being abridged, may be increased and secured in a government which is good and wise. As it is with regard to his natural liberty, so it is with regard to his other natural rights.

[end quoting]

And this has always been the core of the debate on freedom: striking a balance between what is gained and what is lost by imposing civil laws upon natural personal liberties in order to maximize the general public’s overall enjoyment of

true freedom.

One thing we can be sure about is that laws such as the *Patriot Act* and institutions such as Homeland Security would never have passed muster with the Founding Fathers who argued so passionately and conscientiously for identifying and protecting the rights of the individual.

While we’re on the subject, a modern quote comes from the late Mother Teresa, who said:

“Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on



James Wilson

the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign.”

And then there’s this practical reminder from always witty Benjamin Franklin, probably in response to those in the colonies who were, out of fear and timidity, arguing loyalist positions toward England:

“They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

For a measure of just how much freedom has been sacrificed with the passage of the *Patriot Act* and through the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security—not to mention further diabolical legislation on the drafting table such as we addressed in the April 2003 *SPECTRUM*—consider this by the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson:

“Freedom to differ is not limited to things that do not matter much. That would be a mere shadow of freedom. The test of its substance is the right to differ

as to things that touch the heart of the existing order.”

And finally—as a kind of period at the end of a very long sentence of the colonial perspective on freedom—consider this reminder from Thomas Jefferson:

“When governments fear the people there is liberty. When the people fear the government there is tyranny.”

There are, obviously, many, many more founding documents to draw upon for insight into the general attitude and philosophy at the time our country was formed. I believe what you’ve just read is sufficient to gain a basic understanding of both their concept of freedom, as well as their fervent, heart-felt desire to achieve it.

With that said, let me here step back to the Larger Picture and share the following profound allegorical essay. Coming not at all from American roots, it captures the universal “cry from the soul” for freedom. This is from the book *The Treasured Writings Of Kahlil Gibran* and, as with all his writings, begs a careful, thoughtful, measured reading:

[quoting]

Slavery

The people are the slaves of Life, and it is slavery which fills their days with misery and distress, and floods their nights with tears and anguish.

Seven thousand years have passed since the day of my first birth, and since that day I have been witnessing the slaves of Life, dragging their heavy shackles.

I have roamed the East and West of the Earth and wandered in the Light and in the Shadow of Life. I have been the processions of civilization moving from light into darkness, and each was dragged down to hell by humiliated souls bent under the yoke of slavery. The strong is fettered and subdued, and the faithful is on his knees worshipping before the idols. I have followed man from Babylon to Cairo, and from Ain Dour to Baghdad, and observed the marks of his chains upon the sand. I heard the sad echoes of the fickle ages repeated by the eternal prairies and valleys.

I visited the temples and altars and entered the palaces, and sat before the thrones. And I saw the apprentice slaving for the artisan, and the artisan slaving for the employer, and the employer slaving for the soldier, and the soldier slaving for the governor, and the governor slaving for the king, and the king slaving for the priest, and the priest slaving for the idol.

And the idol is naught but earth fashioned by Satan and erected upon a knoll of skulls.

I entered the mansions of the rich and visited the huts of the poor. I found the infant nursing the milk of slavery from his mother's bosom, and the children learning submission with the alphabet.

The maidens wear garments of restriction and passivity, and the wives retire with tears upon beds of obedience and legal compliance.

I accompanied the ages from the banks of the Kange to the shores of Euphrates; from the mouth of the Nile to the plains of Assyria; from the arenas of Athens to the churches of Rome; from the slums of Constantinople to the palaces of Alexandria. Yet I saw slavery moving over all, in a glorious and majestic procession of ignorance. I saw the people sacrificing the youths and maidens at the feet of the idol, calling her the God; pouring wine and perfume upon her feet, and calling her the Queen; burning incense before her image, and calling her the Prophet; kneeling and worshipping before her, and calling her the Law; fighting and dying for her, and calling her Patriotism; submitting to her will, and calling her the Shadow of God on Earth; destroying and demolishing homes and institutions for her sake, and calling her Fraternity; struggling and stealing and working for her, and calling her Fortune and Happiness; killing for her, and calling her Equality.

She possesses various names, but one reality. She has many appearances, but is made of one element. In truth, she is an everlasting ailment bequeathed by each generation unto its successor.

I found the blind slavery, which ties the people's present with their parents'

past, and urges them to yield to their traditions and customs, placing ancient spirits in the new bodies.

I found the mute slavery, which binds the life of a man to a wife whom he abhors, and places the woman's body in the bed of a hated husband, deadening both lives spiritually.

I found the deaf slavery, which stifles the soul and the heart, rendering man but an empty echo of a voice, and a pitiful shadow of a body.

I found the lame slavery, which places man's neck under the domination of the tyrant and submits strong bodies and weak minds to the sons of Greed for use as instruments to their power.

I found the ugly slavery, which descends with the infants' spirits from the spacious firmament into the home of Misery, where Need lives by Ignorance, and Humiliation resides beside Despair. And the children grow as miserables, and live as criminals, and die as despised and rejected non-existents.

I found the subtle slavery which entitles things with other than their names—calling slyness an intelligence, and emptiness a knowledge, and weakness a tenderness, and cowardice a strong refusal.

I found the twisted slavery which causes the tongues of the weak to move with fear, and speak outside of their feelings, and they feign to be meditating their plight, but they become as empty sacks, which even a child can fold or hang.

I found the bent slavery, which prevails upon one nation to comply with the law and rules of another nation, and the bending is greater with each day.

I found the perpetual slavery, which crowns the sons of monarchs as kings,

and offers no regard to merit.

I found the black slavery, which brands with shame and disgrace forever the innocent sons of the criminals.

Contemplating slavery, it is found to possess the vicious powers of continuation and contagion.

When I grew tired of following the dissolute ages, and wearied of beholding the processions of stoned people, I walked lonely in the Valley of the Shadow of Life, where the past attempts to conceal itself in guilt, and the soul of the future folds and rests itself too long. There, at the edge of Blood and Tears River, which crawled like a poisonous viper and twisted like a criminal's dreams, I listened to the frightened whisper of the ghosts of slaves, and gazed at nothingness.

When midnight came and the spirits emerged from hidden places, I saw a cadaverous, dying spectre fall to her knees, gazing at the Moon. I approached her, asking: "What is your name?"

"My name is Liberty" replied this ghastly shadow of a corpse.

And I inquired: "Where are your children?"

And Liberty, tearful and weak, gasped: "One died crucified, another died mad, and the third one is not yet born."

She limped away and spoke further, but the mist in my eyes and cries of my heart prevented sight or hearing.

[end quoting]

One wonders if dreams and visions conveying such feelings as Gibran evokes above haunted the Founding Fathers as they wrestled with the practical matters of birthing a new nation in freedom.

Freedom

When considering the concept of freedom, it's instructive to see how *Black's Law Dictionary* (6th edition) defines the word freedom:

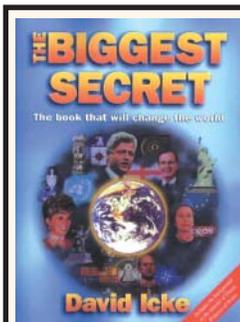
"The state of being free; liberty; self-determination; absence of restraint; the opposite of slavery.

"The power of acting, in the character of a moral personality, according to the dictates of the will, without other check, hindrance, or prohibition than such as may be imposed by just and necessary laws and the duties of social life. See Liberty.

"The prevalence, in the government and constitution of a country, of such a system of laws and institutions as secure civil liberty to the individual citizen."

Listed directly under freedom in *Black's Law Dictionary* are:

Freedom of association; Freedom of



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choice; Freedom of contract; Freedom of expression; Freedom of Information Act; Freedom of press; Freedom of religion; Freedom of speech; Freedom of the city; Free election; Free enterprise; Free entry, egress, and regress; Free exercise clause.

Let's also look at the definition of Liberty from the same *Black's Law Dictionary*:

"Freedom from all restraints except such as are justly imposed by law. Freedom from restraint, under conditions essential to the equal enjoyment of this same right by others; freedom regulated by law. The absence of arbitrary restraint, not immunity from reasonable regulations and prohibitions imposed in the interests of the community. (Brazo v. Connecticut Real Estate Commission, 177 Conn. 515, 418 A.2d 883, 890.)

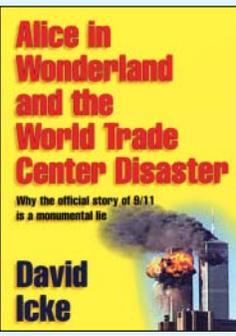
"The 'liberty' guaranteed and protected by constitutional provisions denotes not only freedom from unauthorized physical restraint, but embraces also the freedom of an individual to use and enjoy his faculties in all lawful ways, acquire useful knowledge, marry, establish a home, and bring up children, worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, live and work where he chooses, engage in any of the common and lawful occupations of life, enter into all contracts which may be proper and essential to carrying out successfully the foregoing purposes, and generally to enjoy those privileges long recognized at common law as essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free people."

Now that we know the modern technical definitions of freedom and liberty, let's consider what a range of modern-day thinkers have to say on this fundamental subject. Some of the following personalities—having been the subjects of feature articles of one kind or another—are familiar to longtime *SPECTRUM* readers and some are not. The "who" is not anywhere near as important as the "what" that's being shared. In fact, it's kind of a boost to note how passionate and articulate some people today can be on the subject of freedom—despite being immersed in a world so saturated with the numbing mind-controls of slavery in so many forms.

Christopher Rudy

I'll start by quoting from an email I received "out of the blue" on 4/14/03, while working on this story, from commentator Christopher Rudy, titled "Let's Keep Some Perspective" and in part he says this:

ALICE IN WONDERLAND AND THE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER



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Why the official story of 9/11 is a monumental lie

David Icke

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Since September 11, 2001, the people of the world have been told the Big Lie. The official story of what happened on 9/11 is a fantasy of untruth, manipulation, contradiction, and anomaly. David Icke has spent well over a decade uncovering the force that was really behind those attacks and has traveled to 40 countries in pursuit of the truth.

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[quoting]
From the perspective of the "common man" who gets along by going along and just wants to be accepted as one with his patriotic countrymen, democratic "majority rule" sounds like a viable concept. They forget that America is a republic and that democracy is akin to mobocracy, where a well-connected gang of banksters and corporate fascists typically own and control the social, political, and economic institutions that "govern" civilization.

Few people realize that the mainstream mass-media outlets—TV, radio, and newspapers—are 97.5% owned and controlled by these banksters and ZioNazi minions, utilizing sophisticated mind-control techniques that manipulate elections as a choice between pre-chosen "lesser of two evils". History has shown that, once such a "democracy" of bought-off reps figure out how to vote kick-back benefits from the public treasury, democracy quickly self-destructs into mobocracy and dictatorship—typically in the name or context of chaos, or problems they create, and solutions they then provide in the name of "freedom, law, and order".

All while the silent majority gets along by going along, "keeping perspective" by reading the mind-control propaganda in the controlled media which degenerates from mere elite apologists and sycophants into overt propaganda extensions of the emotional tyranny that the provocateur terror tyrants create and manage to coerce subservience.

[end quoting]
While the circumstances have changed

official version of 9/11 and the "War on Terrorism" and shows that those responsible are much closer to home than a cave in Afghanistan. He explains why 9/11 was planned and to what end. It is vital to maintaining our freedom that the light shines on the lies and deceit behind September 11.

Icke also places these events in their true context as part of an agenda by hidden forces working behind the puppet politicians to create a global fascist state based on total control and surveillance. But it doesn't have to be like this; it does not have to happen. We can change the world from a prison to a paradise and, as Icke explains, the power to do that is within you and within us all.

from those simpler times our Founding Fathers encountered in the 1700s, the goal of control over the people—the squashing of freedom—has remained a constant goal of the planetary elite controllers, as readers of this publication are well aware.

David Icke

In the September 2001 issue of *The SPECTRUM*, I interviewed well-known, prolific, courageous author, lecturer, and longtime *SPECTRUM* friend David Icke. The rallying front-page headline read: **Let's Re-Create Prison Into Paradise! Check-Mating Globalization; David Icke Exposes What Elite Fear Most** and in that story David made some profound statements that are worth revisiting for this present story on freedom. As earlier, I will note with *** when jumping forward to a later section:

[quoting]
You start to realize what we're living in is just an illusion.

The reason I called the book *Children Of The Matrix* is because the basic themes of that movie, *The Matrix*, are absolutely the way things are. We are creating an illusion. And the world that we see and perceive is illusion, created by our own minds.

If you, therefore, have this knowledge, as the Illuminati do, you can manipulate the minds of the masses to create the world, the illusion, that you want them to create, because it suits your agenda.

And what we're looking at here, in the end, is not moving from an illusion to the "real world"—because there is no real

world in this frequency range we're operating within. It's "just" an illusion. We're looking at the choice between creating an illusion which is a prison, or an illusion which is a paradise. But either way, both are based on illusions because this world is just the creation of our own minds. ***

And our current imagination is one of: "I can't" or "I must not" or "I'm not in control of my own destiny; I must look to others to tell me what to think because others know best" and "I am just an ordinary man on the street, so what can I do?"

That is the present figment of our imagination of ourselves, and therefore it has collectively manifested as what we call "the world".

So, what we need to do—because we have thought this prison into existence, our internal prisons have collectively

become the selective prison we call "planet Earth"—we need to understand—and this is more important than any exposure of Bilderberg groups or anything—that WE HAVE CREATED the world that we perceive! It is the figment of our collective imagination. And what we need to do is not fight it, or shake it, or bomb it out of existence; we need to think it, feel it out of existence, and replace it with a better reality.

And that's the foundation of how we switch a prison to a paradise.

We think one out of existence because it's no longer our reality of ourselves, and therefore, collectively, the world. And we think into existence another reality, a reality of peace, of love, of respect for another's right to be different. ***

This world is just a manifestation of human consciousness. If we all thought and projected an energy and a

consciousness of love for each other, and respect for each other, LIKE NOW, THIS MINUTE, this world would transform this minute, absolutely transform. It would not be the same place 60 seconds from now that it is now. This is the key. This is the foundation.

And this is when we reach this critical mass of consciousness awakening—and we're moving there, not as fast as we want, but we're moving there. Then we will see this world change. And we will see the structure of power and control fall with a speed that would beg a belief from the perspective that we have at the moment. ***

We are people who create this world by our thoughts, second by second. We change the thoughts, we change the world.

[end quoting]

This "power of the people" to literally change Reality (for the better) is what—in a less sophisticated, 18th century way—the Founding Fathers were recognizing in addressing the issues of freedom and liberty.

Continuing along this path, in the October 2002 issue of *The SPECTRUM*, I again interviewed David Icke. That front-page feature was headlined **The Fork In The Road: Fascism Or Freedom? David Icke Talks On: Alice In Wonderland And The World Trade Center Disaster**. This was well after the shock and shenanigans of 9/11 and David expands upon the concept of how we REALLY create a world of freedom:

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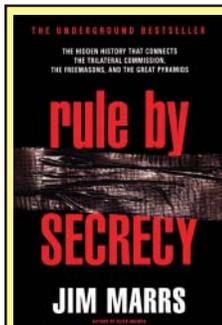
The land, or the place, that the fork in the road will be decided, will not be a physical location; it will be in the minds of all of us. What we need to do is not stockpile weapons, and stockpile food, and get into survival mode; we need to take back control of our minds! That's what we need to do.

You can either look for a solution to something, or you can do the sensible thing, which is that you remove the cause of the problem you want to solve.

The reason that we are in this state, and facing the global fascist state, is that vast billions of people on this planet have given their minds away. They've given their right to think away to external sources, "authorities" in their various forms. What we need to do is to take that power back, and start thinking for ourselves. ***

It's taking back control of our minds that is the key!

I'm not going to fight anyone. I don't want to fight George Bush. It's not about fighting. It's about being, because the world is a reflection of our



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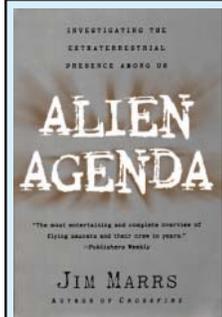
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consciousness. If we live in a state of mind in which we are in fear, we are striving not to express ourselves in an unlimited way, but to survive another day. If we will not take control of our thought processes, and therefore we give that away to some external force, a very simple thing must manifest physically from that, and that is: a few people will control and dictate to billions. That has to happen. ***

We have thought this into manifestation!

We can, therefore, de-manifest it, and manifest something else, by changing our state of consciousness: Start realizing that we are not ordinary; we are genius. We've just forgotten. But we are not little men and women in the street. We are ALL CONSCIOUSNESS. We are all that exists, ever has existed, ever will exist.***

It's a matter of BEING free. And that's a state of being. It's not a doing, it's a state of being.

And once you get into that state of being free, and not allowing anything to stop you being free, then you create, you project, an energy field, a thought-form around you, a state of being, that allows you to be free.

[end quoting]

Is David too advanced for the thinking of our Founding Fathers? Or were they perhaps given visions—like those of Nostradamus—of what sophisticated techniques would assault the heart of the United States (and world) later on? After all, the principles for cultivating freedom that were expressed in the 1700s remain just as timely today.

With that said by way of background, in preparation for this story I also asked several thoughtful, articulate people—some of whom I've interviewed in these pages over the years on subjects connected to freedom—to answer one "simple" question as best they can:

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Being free is like being pregnant—you either are or you're not. There's very little in between. Responsible people should be allowed to do whatever they want without interference of the "state", as long as no other person is being harmed. The state should only step in when one fails in their responsibility, resulting in a complaint, and then only

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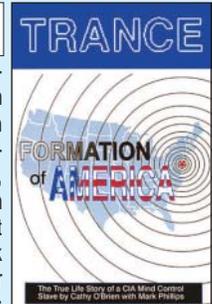
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with simple, straightforward laws applied equally. In other words, the right to swing your fist ends where someone else's nose begins.

The anti-abortionists will claim that abortion kills another person. This argument is open to debate. Therefore, in a truly free society, this should be a matter of individual choice. No one should be forced to have an abortion, and likewise, no one should be forced not to have an abortion. If God believes that a wrong has been committed, He will deal with it. It is not up to us to judge other people. This is freedom.

Kanya Vashon McGhee
(Tree of Life Books of Harlem
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There are at least four aspects of freedom:

1. Physical—the capacity to move unobstructed by others within the context of the Law, both legal and moral;
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Mark Phillips
(www.trance-formation.com)

True freedom is freedom of thought—an absolute freedom so personal as to allow me, unencumbered by restrictive secrecy laws or bias, to intellectually pursue and examine all known and unknown aspects of any subject and to "speak my mind" to whomever is interested as to the findings discovered.

Don Harkins
(The Idaho Observer Newspaper
<http://proliberty.com/observer>)

Freedom is traveling anywhere minds and bodies desire to go.

Have you ever wondered how one wire, held up by ancient split-rail fence posts, can keep horses in a pasture even though they could easily jump over or walk through them? Is it possible that walls erected in horses' minds are much bigger than the tired, one-wire barrier that stands between them and freedom?

Not unlike pastured horses, people

tend to diminish their own freedom by building fences in their minds. Once the fences are in place, they seek the counsel of experts to make decisions for them, rather than becoming competent to represent themselves in areas vital to their personal health and prosperity.

Though most people will spend their entire lives romancing the notion of freedom, few actually live in freedom because the price of freedom is accountability for one's actions. Inseparable from freedom is responsibility—responsibility for one's spiritual, political, physical, and economic successes or failures.

Historically, the bulk of humanity insists upon transferring the individual's responsibility to make important personal decisions regarding spiritual, political, physical, and economic matters to organized religions and governments.

Said another way, people beg churches and governments to make decisions for them so they can be absolved of responsibility for their spiritual, political, physical, and economic activities.

Said yet another way, people pay tribute to churches (tithes) and governments (taxes, fees, fines, penalties) so that they can be relieved of the "burden" of freedom endowed upon them at birth.

Throughout history people have demonstrated they prefer to pay churches and governments to take their freedom as opposed to keeping it for themselves.

Rather than accept responsibility for

their own spiritual growth, people give their freedom of worship to a hierarchy of elders within their church. The elders, or clergy, commonly preach doctrines that demand their people first go through them to get to God. In this manner organized religion is able to extract immense revenues, compel compliant behavior, and thus accumulate political power by conditioning their flocks to fear the wrath of God(s) should they fail to follow the church's doctrine of salvation.

Government is as aware of peoples' desire to allow others to make decisions for them as the rancher is aware of the walls in pastured horses' minds. Government meets this demand by legislating regulatory schemes and hiring the government personnel to administrate and enforce them. Government uses these schemes to tell people what they can and cannot do. In exchange for government regulation of our political, physical, and economic lives, taxes are levied, fines are imposed, and penalties enforced. Similarly to how people adapt their spiritual beliefs to avoid the wrath of God(s), they adapt their political, physical, and economic behavior to avoid the wrath of a vengeful state by complying with its regulatory schemes—no matter how absurd.

Fueled by revenues extracted from the responsibility-abdicating masses, the authority of organized religion and/or government inevitably grows larger and larger in the minds of their people. Eventually peoples' behavior becomes

so influenced by the dictates of these outside forces that they begin to do as they are told. They, in turn, teach their children how to behave in a society that rarely questions the intelligence or morality of the "laws" under which they exist.

The glue that holds people in this form of bondage is fear—fear of the unknown and fear their unauthorized actions may prompt punishment from the authorities they themselves have imagined into existence by paying various forms of tribute.

Those who intend to mold peoples' behavior to best suit their greed and power-driven interests, teach people to fear the world outside the fences in their minds. However, there have always been those who do not pasture well. History has been shaped by the people who have gone under, over, or through fences placed between them and the rest of the universe.

Those people define freedom. Ironically, some of them were slaves. The truth is that no government or religion is capable of keeping people in their pasture—unless they build the fences themselves.

Dr. Leonard Horowitz
(www.tetrahedron.org)

Freedom is perhaps the greatest of all human blessings. It offers the ability to make choices consistent with one's highest good. It facilitates the greatest opportunity to fulfill one's purpose in life, both enabling political contribution and social service.

It is also a double-edged sword demanding constant vigilance and supreme personal responsibility. The scriptural prescription for this comes with the understanding that our Creator is bound by having given us free-will. Now we have to be COMPLETELY responsible, personally and politically, for its proper expression. Without our wise performance in exercising free-will, we are destined for generations of hardship. So much for repeating history!

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Francis Bacon's *New Atlantis*

This final story is as provocative as it is little known to most people today. It has been chosen to stretch our thinking on the subject of freedom, and was published in 1627.

Have you ever wondered what our society might be like if, rather than gradually relinquishing so much of our freedom, we held strong to that original path laid forth by the Founding Fathers? And beyond that, have you ever contemplated what a freedom-based utopian society might be like? Well, consider the following, written so long ago by Francis Bacon, and interestingly enough titled *New Atlantis*.

I would first like to share the Internet introduction to this work from the *Modern History Sourcebook* to set the stage:

[quoting]

Introductory Note

Bacon's literary executor, Dr. Rawley, published *New Atlantis* in 1627, the year

after the author's death. It seems to have been written about 1623, during that period of literary activity which followed Bacon's political fall.

None of Bacon's writings gives in short space so vivid a picture of his tastes and aspirations as this fragment of the plan of an ideal commonwealth. The generosity and enlightenment, the dignity and splendor, the piety and public spirit, of the inhabitants of Bensalem represent the ideal qualities which Bacon the statesman desired to see characteristic of his own country; and in Salomon's House we have Bacon the scientist indulging without restriction his prophetic vision of the future of human knowledge.

No reader acquainted in any degree with the processes and results of modern scientific inquiry can fail to be struck by the numerous approximations made by Bacon's imagination to the actual achievements of modern times. The plan and organization of his great college lay down the main lines of the modern research university; and both in pure and applied science he anticipates a strikingly large number of recent inventions and discoveries.

In still another way is *New Atlantis* typical of Bacon's attitude. In spite of the enthusiastic and broad-minded schemes he laid down for the pursuit of truth, Bacon always had an eye to utility. The advancement of science which he sought was conceived by him as a means to a practical end—the increase of man's control over Nature, and the comfort and convenience of humanity. For pure metaphysics, or any form of abstract thinking that yielded no "fruit", he had

little interest; and this leaning to the useful is shown in the practical applications of the discoveries made by the scholars of Salomon's House.

Nor does the interest of the work stop here. It contains much, both in its political and in its scientific ideals, that we have as yet by no means achieved, but which contain valuable elements of suggestion and stimulus for the future.

[end quoting]

With that said, remember that the following was written in about 1623. Perhaps our Founding Fathers were more familiar than we realize with the underlying vision of freedom in this story by the great British statesman, philosopher, and father of the modern scientific method, Sir Francis Bacon:

[quoting]

New Atlantis

We sailed from Peru (where we had continued by the space of one whole year) for China and Japan, by the South Sea, taking with us victuals for twelve months; and had good winds from the East, though soft and weak, for five months' space and more.

But then the wind came about, and settled in the West for many days, so as we could make little or no way, and were sometimes in purpose to turn back. But then again there arose strong and great winds from the South, with a point East; which carried us up, for all that we could do, towards the North; by which time our victuals failed us, though we had made good spare of them. So that finding ourselves in the midst of the greatest

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wilderness of waters in the world without victual, we gave ourselves for lost men, and prepared for death.

Yet we did lift up our hearts and voices to God above, who “showeth His wonders in the deep”, beseeching Him of His mercy, that as in the beginning He discovered the face of the deep, and brought forth dry land, so He would now discover land to us that we might not perish.

And it came to pass that the next day about evening we saw within a kenning [*perceptible distance*] before us, towards the North, as it were thick clouds, which did put us in some hope of land; knowing how that part of the South Sea was utterly unknown; and might have islands or continents that hitherto were not come to light. Wherefore we bent our course thither, where we saw the appearance of land, all that night; and in the dawning of the next day, we might plainly discern that it was a land, flat to our sight, and full of boscaige [*woods*], which made it show the more dark. And after an hour and a half’s sailing, we entered into a good haven, being the port of a fair city: not great indeed, but well built, and that gave a pleasant view from the sea. And we thinking every minute long till we were on land, came close to the shore and offered to land. But straightways we saw divers [*many*] of the people, with batons [*heavy sticks or bats*] in their hands, as it were, forbidding us to land: yet without any cries or fierceness, but only as warning us off by signs that they made. Whereupon being not a little discomfited, we were advising with ourselves what we should do.

During which time there made forth to us a small boat with about eight persons in it, whereof one of them had in his hand a tipstaff [*a staff carried as a symbol of authority*] of a yellow cane, tipped at both ends with blue, who came aboard our ship, without any show of distrust at all. And when he saw one of our number present himself somewhat afore the rest, he drew forth a little scroll of parchment (somewhat yellower than our parchment and shining like the leaves of writing tables, but otherwise soft and flexible), and delivered it to our foremost man. In which scroll were written in ancient Hebrew, and in ancient Greek, and in good Latin of the School [*classical Latin*], and in Spanish, these words: “Land ye not, none of you, and provide to be gone from this coast within sixteen days, except you have further time given you. Meanwhile, if you want fresh water, or victual, or help for your sick, or that your ship needeth repair, write down your wants, and you shall have that which

belongeth to mercy.” This scroll was signed with a stamp of cherubin’s wings, not spread, but hanging downwards; and by them a cross. This being delivered, the officer returned, and left only a servant with us to receive our answer.

Consulting hereupon amongst ourselves, we were much perplexed. The denial of landing, and hasty warning us away, troubled us much: on the other side, to find that the people had [*knew*] languages, and were so full of humanity, did comfort us not a little. And above all, the sign of the cross to that instrument was to us a great rejoicing, and as it were a certain presage of good. Our answer was in the Spanish tongue: “That for our ship, it was well; for we had rather met with



Sir Francis Bacon

calms and contrary winds, than any tempests. For our sick, they were many, and in very ill case; so that if they were not permitted to land, they ran in danger of their lives.”

Our other wants we set down in particular, adding: “That we had some little store of merchandise, which if it pleased them to deal for, it might supply our wants, without being chargeable unto them.” We offered some reward in pistolets [*Spanish coins*] unto the servant, and a piece of crimson velvet to be presented to the officer: but the servant took them not, nor would scarce look upon them; and so left us, and went back in another little boat which was sent for him.

About three hours after we had dispatched our answer there came towards us a person (as it seemed) of place [*man of authority*]. He had on him a gown with

wide sleeves, of a kind of water chamolet [*a fabric made of goat’s hair*], of an excellent azure color, far more glossy than ours; his under-apparel was green, and so was his hat, being in the form of a turban, daintily made, and not so huge as the Turkish turbans; and the locks of his hair came down below the brims of it. A reverend man was he to behold. He came in a boat, gilt in some parts of it, with four persons more only in that boat; and was followed by another boat, wherein were some twenty.

When he was come within a flight-shot [*distance an arrow can be shot*] of our ship, signs were made to us that we should send forth some to meet him upon the water, which we presently did in our ship-boat, sending the principal man amongst us save one, and four of our number with him.

When we were come within six yards of their boat, they called to us to stay, and not to approach farther, which we did. And thereupon the man whom I before described stood up, and with a loud voice, in Spanish, asked: “Are ye Christians?” We answered, we were; fearing the less, because of the cross we had seen in the subscription. At which answer the said person lift up his right hand towards Heaven, and drew it softly to his mouth (which is the gesture they use when they thank God), and then said: “If ye will swear, all of you, by the merits of the Savior, that ye are no pirates, nor have shed blood, lawfully nor unlawfully, within forty days past, you may have license to come on land.”

We said we were all ready to take that oath. Whereupon one of those that were with him, being (as it seemed) a notary, made an entry of this act. Which done, another of the attendants of the great person, which was with him in the same boat, after his lord had spoken a little to him, said aloud: “My lord would have you know that it is not of pride, or greatness, that he cometh not aboard your ship; but for that, in your answer, you declare that you have many sick amongst you, he was warned by the Conservator of Health of the city that he should keep a distance.” We bowed ourselves towards him, and answered we were his humble servants; and accounted for great honor and singular humanity towards us, that which was already done; but hoped well that the nature of the sickness of our men was not infectious.

So he returned; and a while after came the notary to us aboard our ship, holding in his hand a fruit of that country, like an orange, but of color between orange-tawny and scarlet, which cast a most excellent odor. He used it (as it seemed)

for a preservative against infection. He gave us our oath: "By the name of Jesus, and his merits"; and after told us that the next day, by six of the clock in the morning, we should be sent to, and brought to the Strangers' House (so he called it), where we should be accommodated of things, both for our whole and for our sick. So he left us; and when we offered him some pistols, he smiling said he must not be twice paid for one labor: meaning (as I take it) that he had salary sufficient of the state for his service. For (as I after learned) they call an officer that taketh rewards twice-paid.

The next morning early there came to us the same officer that came to us at first with his cane, and told us: "He came to conduct us to the Strangers' House; and that he had prevented [anticipated] the hour, because we might have the whole day before us for our business. "For" (said he) "if you will follow my advice, there shall first go with me some few of you, and see the place, and how it may be made convenient for you; and then you may send for your sick, and the rest of your number, which ye will bring on land."

We thanked him, and said that this care which he took of desolate strangers, God would reward. And so, six of us went on land with him; and when we were on land, he went before us, and turned to us, and said he was but our servant, and our guide. He led us through three fair streets; and all the way we went there were gathered some people on both sides, standing in a row; but in so civil a fashion, as if it had been not to wonder at us but to welcome us! And divers of them, as we passed by them, put their arms a little abroad, which is their gesture when they bid any welcome.

The Strangers' House is a fair and spacious house built of brick, of somewhat a bluer color than our brick; and with handsome windows, some of glass, some of a kind of cambric oiled. He brought us first into a fair parlor above stairs, and then asked us "what number of persons we were? And how many sick?"

We answered: "we were in all (sick and whole) one and fifty persons, whereof our sick were seventeen." He desired us to have patience a little, and to stay till he came back to us, which was about an hour after; and then he led us to see the chambers which were provided for us, being in number nineteen. They having cast [arranged] it (as it seemeth) that four of those chambers, which were better than the rest, might receive four of the principal men of our company; and lodge them alone by themselves; and the other fifteen chambers were to lodge us, two and two together. The chambers were

handsome and cheerful chambers, and furnished civilly. Then he led us to a long gallery, like a dorture [dormitory], where he showed us all along the one side (for the other side was but wall and window) seventeen cells, very neat ones, having partitions of cedar wood. Which gallery and cells, being in all forty (many more than we needed), were instituted as an infirmary for sick persons.

And he told us withal that as any of our sick waxed well, he might be removed from his cell to a chamber: for which purpose there were set forth ten spare chambers, besides the number we spake of before. This done, he brought us back to the parlor, and lifting up his cane a little (as they do when they give any charge or command), said to us: "Ye are to know that the custom of the land requireth that after this day and tomorrow (which we give you for removing your people from your ship), you are to keep within doors for three days. But let it not trouble you, nor do not think yourselves restrained, but rather left to your ease and rest. You shall want nothing, and there are six of our people appointed to attend you for any business you may have abroad." We gave him thanks with all affection and respect, and said: "God surely is manifested in this land." We offered him also twenty pistols; but he smiled, and only said: "What? twice paid!" And so he left us.

Soon after our dinner was served in; which was right good viands, both for bread and meat: better than any collegiate diet [meals in a college hall] that I have known in Europe. We had also drink of three sorts, all wholesome and good: wine of the grape; a drink of grain, such as is with us our ale, but more clear; and a kind of cider made of a fruit of that country; a wonderful pleasing and refreshing drink. Besides, there were brought in to us great store of those scarlet oranges for our sick; which (they said) were an assured remedy for sickness taken at sea. There was given us also a box of small gray or whitish pills, which they wished our sick should

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take, one of the pills every night before sleep; which (they said) would hasten their recovery.

The next day, after that our trouble of carriage and removing of our men and goods out of our ship was somewhat settled and quiet, I thought good to call our company together, and when they were assembled, said unto them: "My dear friends, let us know ourselves, and how it standeth with us. We are men cast on land, as Jonas was out of the whale's belly, when we were as buried in the deep; and now we are on land, we are but between death and life, for we are beyond both the Old World and the New; and whether ever we shall see Europe, God only knoweth. It is a kind of miracle hath brought us hither, and it must be little less than shall bring us hence. Therefore in regard of our deliverance past, and our danger present and to come, let us look up to God, and every man reform his own ways. Besides we are come here amongst a Christian people, full of piety and humanity: let us not bring that confusion of face upon ourselves, as to show our vices or unworthiness before them. Yet there is more, for they have by commandment (though in form of courtesy) cloistered us within these walls for three days: who knoweth whether it be not to take some taste of our manners and conditions? And if they find them bad, to banish us straightways; if good, to give us further time. For these men that they have given us for attendance may withal have an eye

upon us. Therefore, for God's love, and as we love the weal of our souls and bodies, let us so behave ourselves, as we may be at peace with God, and may find grace in the eyes of this people."

Our company with one voice thanked me for my good admonition, and promised me to live soberly and civilly, and without giving any the least occasion of offense. So we spent our three days joyfully, and without care, in expectation what would be done with us when they were expired. During which time, we had every hour joy of the amendment of our sick, who thought themselves cast into some divine pool of healing, they mended so kindly [*naturally*] and so fast.

The morrow after our three days were past, there came to us a new man, that we had not seen before, clothed in blue as the former was, save that his turban was white with a small red cross on the top. He had also a tippet [*scarf worn about the neck*] of fine linen.

At his coming in he did bend to us a little, and put his arms abroad. We of our parts saluted him in a very lowly and submissive manner; as looking that from him we should receive sentence of life or death. He desired to speak with some few of us. Whereupon six of us only stayed, and the rest avoided [*departed from*] the room. He said: "I am by office Governor of this House of Strangers, and by vocation I am a Christian priest; and therefore am come to you to offer you my service, both as strangers, and chiefly as Christians. Some things I may tell you, which I think you will not be unwilling to hear. The state hath given you license to stay on land for the space of six weeks: and let it not trouble you, if your occasions [*needs*] ask further time, for the

law in this point is not precise; and I do not doubt but myself shall be able to obtain for you such further time as shall be convenient. Ye shall also understand that the Strangers' House is at this time rich, and much aforehand; for it hath laid up revenue these thirty-seven years, for so long it is since any stranger arrived in this part; and therefore take ye no care; the state will defray you all the time you stay. Neither shall you stay one day the less for that. As for any merchandise ye have brought, ye shall be well used, and have your return, either in merchandise or in gold and silver: for to us it is all one. And if you have any other request to make, hide it not; for ye shall find we will not make your countenance to fall by the answer ye shall receive. Only this I must tell you, that none of you must go above a karan (that is, with them a mile and a half) from the walls of the city, without especial leave."

We answered, after we had looked awhile one upon another, admiring this gracious and parent-like usage, that we could not tell what to say, for we wanted words to express our thanks; and his noble free offers left us nothing to ask. It seemed to us that we had before us a picture of our salvation in Heaven; for we that were awhile since in the jaws of death, were now brought into a place where we found nothing but consolations. For the commandment laid upon us, we would not fail to obey it, though it was impossible but our hearts should be inflamed to tread further upon this happy and holy ground.

We added that our tongues should first cleave to the roofs of our mouths ere we should forget, either his reverend person or this whole nation, in our prayers. We also most humbly besought him to accept

of us as his true servants, by as just a right as ever men on Earth were bounden; laying and presenting both our persons and all we had at his feet. He said he was a priest, and looked for a priest's reward; which was our brotherly love, and the good of our souls and bodies. So he went from us, not without tears of tenderness in his eyes, and left us also, confused with joy and kindness, saying amongst ourselves that we were come into a land of angels, which did appear to us daily, and prevent [*anticipate*] us with comforts which we thought not of, much less expected.

The next day, about ten of the clock, the Governor came to us again, and after salutations, said familiarly that he was come to visit us; and called for a chair, and sat him down; and we, being some ten of us (the rest were of the meaner sort, or else gone abroad) [*of inferior rank or else gone out*], sat down with him; and when we were set, he began thus: "We of this island of Bensalem (for so they called it in their language) have this: that by means of our solitary situation, and of the laws of secrecy, which we have for our travellers, and our rare admission of strangers, we know well most part of the habitable world, and are ourselves unknown. Therefore because he that knoweth least is fitted to ask questions, it is more reason, for the entertainment of the time, that ye ask me questions than that I ask you."

We answered that we humbly thanked him that he would give us leave so to do: and that we conceived, by the taste we had already, that there was no worldly thing on Earth more worthy to be known than the state of that happy land. But above all (we said) since that we were met from the several ends of the world, and hoped assuredly that we should meet one day in the Kingdom of Heaven (for that we were both part Christians), we desired to know (in respect that land was so remote, and so divided by vast and unknown seas from the land where our Savior walked on Earth) who was the apostle of that nation, and how it was converted to the faith?

It appeared in his face that he took great contentment in this our question; he said: "Ye knit my heart to you by asking this question in the first place: for it showeth that you first seek the Kingdom of Heaven: and I shall gladly, and briefly, satisfy your demand.

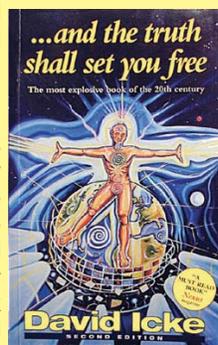
"About twenty years after the ascension of our Savior it came to pass that there was seen by the people of Renfusa (a city upon the eastern coast of our island), within sight (the night was cloudy and calm), as it might be some mile in the sea, a great pillar of light; not sharp, but in

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form of a column or cylinder, rising from the sea a great way up towards Heaven; and on the top of it was seen a large cross of light, more bright and resplendent than the body of the pillar.

“Upon which so strange a spectacle the people of the city gathered apace together upon the sands, to wonder; and so after put themselves into a number of small boats to go nearer to this marvelous sight. But when the boats were come within about sixty yards of the pillar they found themselves all bound, and could go no further, yet so as they might move to go about, but might not approach nearer: so as the boats stood all as in a theatre, beholding this light, as a Heavenly sign.

“It so fell out that there was in one of the boats one of our wise men, of the Society of Salomon’s House; which house or college, my good brethren, is the very eye of this kingdom, who having awhile attentively and devoutly viewed and contemplated this pillar and cross, fell down upon his face; and then raised himself upon his knees, and lifting up his hands to Heaven, made his prayers in this manner:

“ ‘Lord God of Heaven and Earth, thou hast vouchsafed of thy grace, to those of our order, to know thy works of creation, and the secrets of them; and to discern (as far as appertaineth to the generations of men) between divine miracles, works of Nature, works of art, and impostures and illusions of all sorts. I do here acknowledge and testify before this people, that the thing which we now see before our eyes is thy finger, and a true miracle. And forasmuch as we learn in our books that thou workest miracles but to a divine and excellent end (for the laws of Nature are thine own laws, and thou exceedest them not but upon great cause), we most humbly beseech thee to prosper this great sign, and to give us the interpretation and use of it in mercy; which thou dost in some part secretly promise, by sending it unto us.’

“When he had made his prayer, he presently found the boat he was in movable and unbound; whereas all the rest remained still fast; and taking that for an assurance of leave to approach, he caused the boat to be softly and with silence rowed towards the pillar. But ere he came near it, the pillar and cross of light broke up, and cast itself abroad, as it were, into a firmament of many stars, which also vanished soon after, and there was nothing left to be seen but a small ark or chest of cedar, dry, and not wet at all with water, though it swam. And in the fore-end of it, which was towards him, grew a small green branch of palm; and when the wise man had taken it with all

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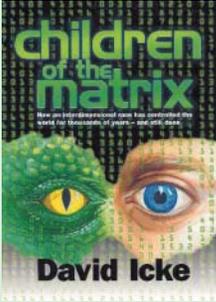
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reverence into his boat, it opened of itself, and there were found in it a book and a letter, both written in fine parchment, and wrapped in sindons [pieces] of linen. The book contained all the canonical books of the *Old and New Testament*, according as you have them (for we know well that the Churches with you receive), and the *Apocalypse* itself; and some other books of the *New Testament*, which were not at that time written, were nevertheless in the book. And for the letter, it was in these words:

“ ‘I, Bartholomew, a servant of the Highest, and apostle of Jesus Christ, was warned by an angel that appeared to me in a vision of glory that I should commit this ark to the floods of the sea. Therefore, I do testify and declare unto that people where God shall ordain this ark to come to land, that in the same day is come unto them salvation and peace and goodwill from the Father, and from the Lord Jesus.’

“There was also in both these writings, as well the book as the letter, wrought a great miracle, conform [similar] to that of the apostles, in the original gift of tongues. For there being at that time, in this land, Hebrews, Persians, and Indians, besides the natives, every one read upon the book and letter, as if they had been written in his own language. And thus was this land saved from infidelity (as the remain of the Old World was from water) by an ark, through the apostolical and miraculous evangelism of St. Bartholomew.”

And here he paused, and a messenger came, and called him forth from us. So this was all that passed in that conference.

The next day the same Governor came again to us, immediately after dinner, and excused himself, saying that the day before he was called from us somewhat abruptly, but now he would make us amends, and spend time with us, if we

held his company and conference agreeable. We answered that we held it so agreeable and pleasing to us, as we forgot both dangers past and fears to come, for the time we heard him speak; and that we thought an hour spent with him was worth years of our former life. He bowed himself a little to us, and after we were set again, he said: “Well, the questions are on your part.”

One of our number said, after a little pause, that there was a matter we were no less desirous to know than fearful to ask, lest we might presume too far. But encouraged by his rare humanity towards us (that could scarce think ourselves strangers, being his vowed and professed servants), we would take the hardiness to propound it; humbly beseeching him, if he thought it not fit to be answered, that he would pardon it, though he rejected it.

We said we well observed those his words, which he formerly spake, that this happy island where we now stood was known to few, and yet knew most of the nations of the world, which we found to be true, considering they had the languages of Europe, and knew much of our state and business; and yet we in Europe (notwithstanding all the remote discoveries and navigations of this last age) never heard any of the least inkling or glimpse of this island. This we found wonderful strange; for that all nations have interknowledge one of another, either by voyage into foreign parts, or by strangers that come to them; and though the traveller into a foreign country doth commonly know more by the eye than he that stayeth at home can by relation of the traveller; yet both ways suffice to make a mutual knowledge, in some degree, on both parts. But for this island, we never heard tell of any ship of theirs that had been seen to arrive upon any shore of Europe; no, nor of either the East or West

Indies, nor yet of any ship of any other part of the world that had made return from them. And yet the marvel rested not in this; for the situation of it (as his lordship said) in the secret conclave of such a vast sea might cause it. But then, that they should have knowledge of the languages, books, affairs, of those that lie such a distance from them, it was a thing we could not tell what to make of; for that it seemed to us a condition and propriety [*property*] of divine powers, and beings to be hidden and unseen to others, and yet to have others open, and as in a light to them.

At this speech the Governor gave a gracious smile and said that we did well to ask pardon for this question we now asked, for that it imported, as if we thought this land a land of magicians, that sent forth spirits of the air into all parts, to bring them news and intelligence of other countries. It was answered by us all, in all possible humbleness, but yet with a countenance taking knowledge [*acknowledging*], that we knew he spake it but merrily; that we were apt enough to think there was somewhat supernatural in this island, but yet rather as angelical than magical. But to let his lordship know truly what it was that made us tender and doubtful to ask this question, it was not any such conceit, but because we remembered he had given a touch [*hinted*] in his former speech that this land had laws of secrecy touching strangers.

To this he said: "You remember it aright; and therefore in that I shall say to you, I must reserve some particulars, which it is not lawful for me to reveal, but there will be enough left to give you satisfaction.

"You shall understand (that which perhaps you will scarce think credible) that about three thousand years ago, or somewhat more, the navigation of the world (especially for remote voyages) was

greater than at this day. Do not think with yourselves that I know not how much it is increased with you, within these six-score years; I know it well, and yet I say, greater then than now; whether it was that the example of the Ark, that saved the remnant of men from the universal Deluge, gave men confidence to adventure upon the waters, or what it was; but such is the truth.

"The Phoenicians, and specially the Tyrians, had great fleets; so had the Carthaginians their colony, which is yet further west. Towards the east the shipping of Egypt, and of Palestine, was likewise great. China also, and the Great Atlantis (that you call America), which have now but junks and canoes, abounded then in tall ships. This island (as appeareth by faithful registers of those times) had then fifteen hundred strong ships, of great content. Of all this there is with you sparing [*slight*] memory, or none; but we have large knowledge thereof.

"At that time this land was known and frequented by the ships and vessels of all the nations before named. And (as it cometh to pass) they had many times men of other countries that were no sailors that came with them; as Persians, Chaldeans, Arabians, so as almost all nations of might and fame resorted hither; of whom we have some stirps [*families*] and little tribes with us at this day. And for our own ships, they went sundry voyages, as well to your straits [*of Gibraltar*], which you call the Pillars of Hercules, as to other parts in the Atlantic and Mediterranean Seas; as to Paguin [*Peking*] (which is the same with Cambaline) and Quinzy, upon the Oriental Seas, as far as to the borders of the East Tartary.

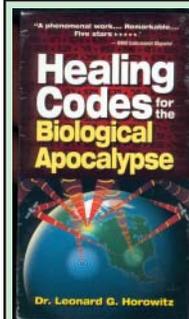
"At the same time, and an age after or more, the inhabitants of the Great Atlantis did flourish. For though the narration and description which is made by a great man [*Plato describes Atlantis in the "Critias"*]

with you, that the descendants of Neptune planted there, and of the magnificent temple, palace, city, and hill; and the manifold streams of goodly navigable rivers (which as so many chains environed the same site and temple); and the several degrees of ascent, whereby men did climb up to the same, as if it had been a scala coeli [*a ladder to Heaven; see Genesis 28:12*] be all poetical and fabulous; yet so much is true, that the said country of Atlantis, as well that of Peru, then called Coya, as that of Mexico, then named Tyrambel, were mighty and proud kingdoms, in arms, shipping, and riches: so mighty as at one time (or at least within the space of ten years), they both made two great expeditions; they of Tyrambel through the Atlantic to the Mediterranean Sea; and they of Coya, through the South Sea upon this our island; and for the former of these, which was into Europe, the same author amongst you (as it seemeth) had some relation [*report*] from the Egyptian priest, whom he citeth. For assuredly such a thing there was.

"But whether it were the ancient Athenians that had the glory of the repulse and resistance of those forces, I can say nothing; but certain it is there never came back either ship or man from that voyage. Neither had the other voyage of those of Coya upon us had better fortune, if they had not met with enemies of greater clemency. For the king of this island, by name Altabin, a wise man and a great warrior, knowing well both his own strength and that of his enemies, handled the matter so, as he cut off their land forces from their ships, and entailed [*trapped*] as both their navy and their camp with a greater power than theirs, both by sea and land, and compelled them to render themselves without striking stroke; and after they were at his mercy, contenting himself only with their oath that they should no more bear arms against him, dismissed them all in safety.

"But the divine revenge overtook not long after those proud enterprises. For within less than the space of one hundred years the Great Atlantis was utterly lost and destroyed; not by a great earthquake, as your man saith (for that whole tract is little subject to earthquakes), but by a particular deluge or inundation, those countries having at this day far greater rivers and far higher mountains to pour down waters than any part of the Old World. But it is true that the same inundation was not deep, not past forty foot in most places from the ground, so that although it destroyed man and beast generally, yet some few wild inhabitants of the wood escaped. Birds also were saved by flying to the high trees and

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woods. For as for men, although they had buildings in many places higher than the depth of the water, yet that inundation, though it were shallow, had a long continuance, whereby they of the vale that were not drowned perished for want of food, and other things necessary.

“So as marvel you not at the thin population of America, nor at the rudeness and ignorance of the people; for you must account your inhabitants of America as a young people, younger a thousand years at the least than the rest of the world, for that there was so much time between the universal Flood and their particular inundation. For the poor remnant of human seed which remained in their mountains peopled the country again slowly, by little and little, and being simple and savage people (not like Noah and his sons, which was the chief family of the Earth) they were not able to leave letters, arts, and civility to their posterity; and having likewise in their mountainous habitations been used (in respect of the extreme cold of those regions) to clothe themselves with the skins of tigers, bears, and great hairy goats, that they have in those parts; when after they came down into the valley, and found the intolerable heats which are there, and knew no means of lighter apparel, they were forced to begin the custom of going naked, which continueth at this day. Only they take great pride and delight in the feathers of birds, and this also they took from those their ancestors of the mountains, who were invited unto it, by the infinite flight of birds that came up to the high grounds, while the waters stood below. So you see, by this main accident of time, we lost our traffic with the Americans, with whom of all others, in regard they lay nearest to us, we had most commerce.

“As for the other parts of the world, it is most manifest that in the ages following (whether it were in respect of wars, or by a natural revolution of time) navigation did everywhere greatly decay, and specially far voyages (the rather by the use of galleys and such vessels as could hardly brook the ocean) were altogether left and omitted. So then, that part of intercourse which could be from other nations, to sail to us, you see how it hath long since ceased; except it were by some rare accident, as this of yours.

“But now of the cessation of that other part of intercourse, which might be by our sailing to other nations, I must yield you some other cause. For I cannot say, if I shall say truly, but our shipping, for number, strength, mariners, pilots, and all things that appertain to navigation, is as great as ever; and therefore why we should sit at home, I shall now give you

an account by itself; and it will draw nearer, to give you satisfaction, to your principal question.

“There reigned in this island about 1,900 years ago a king, whose memory of all others we most adore; not superstitiously, but as a divine instrument, though a mortal man: his name was Salomana; and we esteem him as the lawgiver of our nation. This king had a large heart, inscrutable for good [*unfathomable, inexhaustible*] and was wholly bent to make his kingdom and people happy. He, therefore, taking into consideration how sufficient and substantive [*self-sustaining*] this land was, to maintain itself without any aid at all of the foreigner, being 5,600 miles in circuit, and of rare fertility of soil in the greatest part thereof; and finding also the shipping of this country might be plentifully set on work, both by fishing and by transportations from port to port, and likewise by sailing unto some small islands that are not far from us, and are under the crown and laws of this state; and recalling into his memory the happy and flourishing estate wherein this land then was, so as it might be a thousand ways altered to the worse, but scarce any one way to the better; though nothing wanted to his noble and heroic intentions, but only (as far as human foresight might reach) to give perpetuity to that which was in his time so happily established.

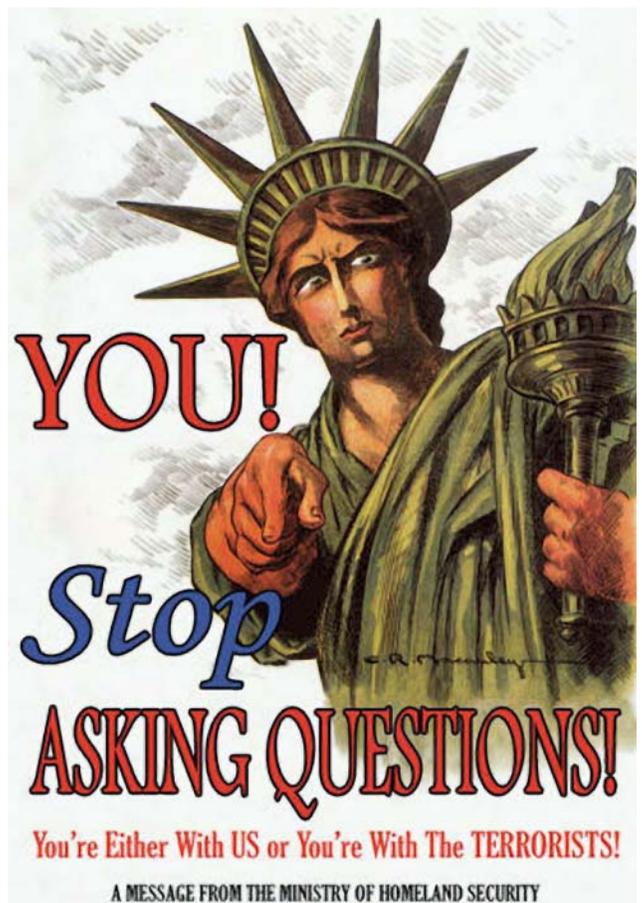
“Therefore amongst his other fundamental laws of this kingdom he did ordain the interdicts and prohibitions which we have touching entrance of strangers; which at that time (though it was after the calamity of America) was frequent; doubting [*fearing*] novelties and commixture of manners. It is true, the like law against the admission of strangers without license is an ancient law in the kingdom of China, and yet continued in use. But there it is a poor thing; and hath made them a curious, ignorant, fearful, foolish nation. But our lawgiver made his law of another temper. For first, he hath preserved all points of humanity, in taking order and making provision for the relief of strangers distressed; whereof you

have tasted.”

At which speech (as reason was) we all rose up, and bowed ourselves. He went on:

“That king also still desiring to join humanity and policy together; and thinking it against humanity to detain strangers here against their wills; and against policy that they should return and discover [*reveal*] their knowledge of this estate, he took this course: he did ordain that of the strangers that should be permitted to land, as many (at all times) might depart as would; but as many as would stay should have very good conditions, and means to live from the state. Wherein he saw so far, that now in so many ages since the prohibition, we have memory not of one ship that ever returned, and but of thirteen persons only, at several times, that chose to return in our bottoms. What those few that returned may have reported abroad I know not. But you must think whatsoever they have said could be taken where they came but for a dream.

“Now for our travelling from hence into parts abroad, our lawgiver thought fit altogether to restrain it. So is it not in China. For the Chinese sail where they will or can; which showeth that their law of keeping out strangers is a law of pusillanimity and fear. But this restraint



of ours hath one only exception, which is admirable; preserving the good which cometh by communicating with strangers, and avoiding the hurt: and I will now open it to you. And here I shall seem a little to digress, but you will by and by find it pertinent.

"Ye shall understand, my dear friends, that amongst the excellent acts of that king, one above all hath the pre-eminence. It was the erection and institution of an order, or society, which we call Salomon's House; the noblest foundation, as we think, that ever was upon the Earth, and the lantern of this kingdom. It is dedicated to the study of the works and creatures of God. Some think it beareth the founder's name a little corrupted, as if it should be Solomona's House. But the records write it as it is spoken. So as I take it to be denominate of the king of the Hebrews, which is famous with you, and no stranger to us; for we have some parts of his works which with you are lost; namely, that Natural History which he wrote of all plants, from the cedar of Libanus [*Lebanon*] to the moss that groweth out of the wall; and of all things that have life and motion.

"This maketh me think that our king finding himself to symbolize [*agree*], in many things, with that king of the Hebrews (which lived many years before him) honored him with the title of this foundation. And I am the rather induced to be of this opinion, for that I find in ancient records this order or society is sometimes called Salomon's House, and sometimes the College of the Six Days' Works; whereby I am satisfied that our excellent king had learned from the Hebrews that God had created the world, and all that therein is, within six days: and therefore he instituting that house, for the finding out of the true nature of all things (whereby God might have the more glory in the workmanship of them, and men the more fruit in the use of them), did give it

also that second name.

"But now to come to our present purpose. When the king had forbidden to all his people navigation into any part that was not under his crown, he made nevertheless this ordinance: that every twelve years there should be set forth out of this kingdom two ships, appointed to several voyages; that in either of these ships there should be a mission of three of the fellows or brethren of Salomon's House, whose errand was only to give us knowledge of the affairs and state of those countries to which they were designed [*assigned*]; and especially of the sciences, arts, manufactures, and inventions of all the world; and withal to bring unto us books, instruments, and patterns in every kind: that the ships, after they had landed the brethren, should return; and that the brethren should stay abroad till the new mission. These ships are not otherwise fraught than with store of victuals, and good quantity of treasure to remain with the brethren, for the buying of such things and rewarding of such persons as they should think fit. Now for me to tell you how the vulgar [*common*] sort of mariners are contained [*kept*] from being discovered at land, and how they that must be put on shore for any time, color [*disguise*] themselves under the names of other nations, and to what places these voyages have been designed, and what places of rendezvous are appointed for the new missions, and the like circumstances of the practice, I may not do it, neither is it much to your desire. But thus you see we maintain a trade, not for gold, silver, or jewels, nor for silks, nor for spices, nor any other commodity of matter; but only for God's first creature, which was light: to have light, I say, of the growth [*of the kind found in*] of all parts of the world."

And when he had said this he was silent, and so were we all; for indeed we were all astonished to hear so strange things so probably [*matter of factly*] told.

And he perceiving that we were willing to say somewhat, but had it not ready, in great courtesy took us off, and descended to ask us questions of our voyage and fortunes, and in the end concluded that we might do well to think with ourselves, what time of stay we would demand of the state, and bade us not to scant [*skimp*] ourselves; for he would procure such time as we desired. Whereupon we all rose up and presented ourselves to kiss the skirt of his tippet, but he would not suffer us, and so took his leave.

But when it came once amongst our people that the state used [*was accustomed*] to offer conditions to strangers that would stay, we had work enough to get any of our men to look to our ship, and to keep them from going presently to the Governor, to crave conditions; but with much ado we restrained them, till we might agree what course to take.

We took ourselves now for free men, seeing there was no danger of our utter perdition, and lived most joyfully, going abroad and seeing what was to be seen in the city and places adjacent, within our tedder [*limits, tether*]; and obtaining acquaintance with many of the city, not of the meanest quality, at whose hands we found such humanity, and such a freedom and desire to take strangers, as it were, into their bosom, as was enough to make us forget all that was dear to us in our own countries; and continually we met with many things, right worthy of observation and relation; as indeed, if there be a mirror in the world worthy to hold men's eyes, it is that country.

One day there were two of our company bidden to a feast of the family, as they call it; a most natural, pious, and reverend custom it is, showing that nation to be compounded of all goodness. This is the manner of it. It is granted to any man that shall live to see thirty persons descended of his body, alive together, and all above three years old, to make this feast, which is done at the cost of the state. The father of the family, whom they call the Tirsan, two days before the feast taketh to him three of such friends as he liketh to choose, and is assisted also by the Governor of the city or place where the feast is celebrated, and all the persons of the family of both sexes are summoned to attend him. These two days the Tirsan sitteth in consultation, concerning the good estate of the family. There, if there be any discord or suits between any of the family, they are compounded [*settled*] and appeased. There, if any of the family be distressed or decayed, order is taken for their relief, and competent means to live. There, if any be subject to vice or take ill courses, they are

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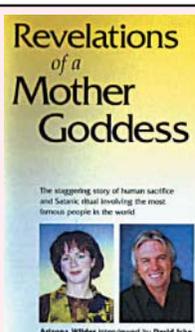
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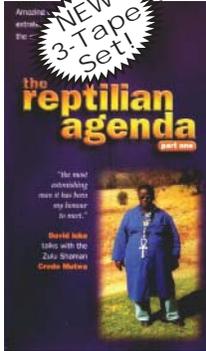
reproved and censured. So likewise direction is given touching marriages, and the courses of life which any of them should take, with divers other the like orders and advices.

The Governor assisteth [*attends*], to the end to put in execution by his public authority the decrees and orders of the Tirsan, if they should be disobeyed; though that seldom needeth, such reverence and obedience they give to the order of Nature. The Tirsan doth also then ever choose one man from amongst his sons to live in house with him; who is called ever after the Son of the Vine. The reason will hereafter appear.

On the feast day, the father or Tirsan cometh forth after divine service into a large room where the feast is celebrated; which room hath an half-pace [*platform*] at the upper end. Against the wall, in the middle of the half-pace, is a chair placed for him, with a table and carpet before it. Over the chair is a state [*canopy*] made round or oval, and it is of ivy; an ivy somewhat whiter than ours, like the leaf of a silver asp, but more shining; for it is green all winter. And the state is curiously wrought with silver and silk of divers [*various*] colors, broiding or binding in the ivy; and is ever of the work of some of the daughters of the family, and veiled over at the top, with a fine net of silk and silver. But the substance of it is true ivy; whereof, after it is taken down, the friends of the family are desirous to have some leaf or sprig to keep.

The Tirsan cometh forth with all his generation or lineage, the males before him, and the females following him; and if there be a mother from whose body the whole lineage is descended, there is a traverse [*screened compartment*] placed in a loft above, on the right hand of the chair, with a privy door, and a carved window of glass, leaded with gold and blue, where she sitteth, but is not seen. When the Tirsan is come forth, he sitteth down in the chair; and all the lineage place themselves against the wall, both at his back, and upon the return [*sides*] of the half-pace, in order of their years, without difference of sex, and stand upon their feet. When he is set, the room being always full of company, but well kept and without disorder, after some pause there cometh in from the lower end of the room a Taratan (which is as much as a herald), and on either side of him two young lads, whereof one carrieth a scroll of their shining yellow parchment and the other a cluster of grapes of gold, with a long foot or stalk. The herald and children are clothed with mantles of sea-water green satin; but the herald's mantle is streamed with gold and hath a train.

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Then the herald with three curtsies, or rather inclinations [*bows*], cometh up as far as the half-pace, and there first taketh into his hand the scroll. This scroll is the king's charter, containing gift of revenue, and many privileges, exemptions, and points of honor, granted to the father of the family; and it is ever styled and directed. "To such a one, our well-beloved friend and creditor" which is a title proper only to this case. For they say, the king is debtor to no man, but for propagation of his subjects. The seal set to the king's charter is the king's image, embossed or molded in gold; and though such charters be expedited [*granted*] of course, and as of right, yet they are varied by discretion, according to the number and dignity of the family. This charter the herald readeth aloud; and while it is read, the father or Tirsan standeth up, supported by two of his sons, such as he chooseth. Then the herald mounteth the half-pace, and delivereth the charter into his hand; and with that there is an acclamation, by all that are present, in their language, which is thus much: "Happy are the people of Bensalem."

Then the herald taketh into his hand from the other child the cluster of grapes, which is of gold; both the stalls and the grapes. But the grapes are daintily enamelled; and if the males of the family be the greater number, the grapes are enamelled purple, with a little sun set on the top; if the females, then they are enamelled into a greenish yellow, with a crescent on the top. The grapes are in number as many as there are descendants of the family. This golden cluster the herald delivereth also to the Tirsan, who presently delivereth it over to that son that

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he had formerly chosen to be in house with him; who beareth it before his father, as an ensign of honor, when he goeth in public ever after; and is thereupon called the Son of the Vine.

After this ceremony ended the father or Tirsan retireth; and after some time cometh forth again to dinner, where he sitteth alone under the state as before; and none of his descendants sit with him, of what degree or dignity so ever, except he hap to be of Salomon's House. He is served only by his own children, such as are male; who perform unto him all service of the table upon the knee, and the women only stand about him, leaning against the wall. The room below the half-pace hath tables on the sides for the guests that are bidden; who are served with great and comely order; and towards the end of dinner (which in the greatest feasts with them lasteth never above an hour and a half) there is a hymn sung, varied according to the invention of him that composeth it (for they have excellent poesy); but the subject of it is always the praises of Adam, and Noah, and Abraham; whereof the former two peopled the world, and the last was the father of the faithful; concluding ever with a thanksgiving for the nativity of our Saviour, in whose birth the births of all are only blessed.

Dinner being done, the Tirsan retireth again; and having withdrawn himself alone into a place where he maketh some private prayers, he cometh forth the third time to give the blessing, with all his descendants, who stand about him as at the first. Then he calleth them forth by one and by one, by name as he pleaseth, though seldom the order of age be inverted. The person that is called (the

table being before removed) kneeleth down before the chair, and the father layeth his hand upon his head, or her head, and giveth the blessing in these words: "Son of Bensalem (or daughter of Bensalem), thy father saith it; the man by whom thou hast breath and life speaketh the word; the blessing of the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, and the Holy Dove, be upon thee, and make the days of thy prilgrimage good and many." This he saith to every of them; and that done, if there be any of his sons of eminent merit and virtue (so they be not above two), he calleth for them again, and saith, laying his arm over their shoulders, they standing: "Sons, it is well ye are born, give God the praise, and persevere to the end." And withal delivereth to either of them a jewel, made in the figure of an ear of wheat, which they ever after wear in the front of their turban, or hat. This done, they fall to music and dances, and other recreations, after their manner, for the rest of the day. This is the full order of that feast.

By that time six or seven days were spent, I was fallen into strait [*close*] acquaintance with a merchant of that city, whose name was Joabin. He was a Jew and circumcised; for they have some few stirps [*families*] of Jews yet remaining amongst them, whom they leave to their own religion. Which they may the better do, because they are of a far differing disposition from the Jews in other parts. For whereas they hate the name of Christ, and have a secret inbred rancor against the people amongst whom they live, these, contrariwise, give unto our Saviour many high attributes, and love the nation of Bensalem extremely. Surely this man of whom I speak would ever acknowledge

that Christ was born of a virgin and that he was more than a man; and he would tell how God made him ruler of the seraphim, which guard his throne; and they call him also the Milken Way, and the Eliah of the Messiah, and many other high names, which though they be inferior to his divine majesty, yet they are far from the language of other Jews.

And for the country of Bensalem, this man would make no end of commending it, being desirous by tradition among the Jews there to have it believed that the people thereof were of the generations of Abraham, by another son, whom they call Nachoran; and that Moses by a secret cabala [*doctrine*] ordained the laws of Bensalem which they now use; and that when the Messiah should come, and sit in his throne at Jerusalem, the King of Bensalem should sit at his feet, whereas other kings should keep a great distance.

But yet setting aside these Jewish dreams, the man was a wise man and learned, and of great policy, and excellently seen in the laws and customs of that nation. Amongst other discourses one day, I told him I was much affected with the relation I had from some of the company of their custom in holding the feast of the family, for that, me-thought, I had never heard of a solemnity wherein Nature did so much preside. And because propagation of families proceedeth from the nuptial copulation, I desired to know of him what laws and customs they had concerning marriage, and whether they kept marriage well, and whether they were tied to one wife. For that where population is so much affected [*desired*], and such as with them it seemed to be, there is commonly permission of plurality of wives.

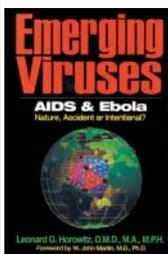
To this he said: "You have reason for to commend that excellent institution of the feast of the family; and indeed we have experience that those families that are partakers of the blessings of that feast do flourish and prosper ever after in an extraordinary manner. But hear me now, and I will tell you what I know.

"You shall understand that there is not under the heavens so chaste a nation as this of Bensalem, nor so free from all pollution or foulness. It is the virgin of the world. I remember I have read in one of your European books of a holy hermit amongst you that desired to see the Spirit of Fornication, and there appeared to him a little foul ugly Aethiop [*also Ethiop; a dark-skinned African*]. But if he had desired to see the Spirit of Chastity of Bensalem, it would have appeared to him in the likeness of a fair beautiful Cherubin. For there is nothing amongst mortal men more fair and admirable than the chaste minds of this people. Know therefore that with them there are no stews, no dissolute houses, no courtesans, nor any thing of that kind.

"Nay, they wonder (with detestation) at you in Europe, which permit such things. They say ye have put marriage out of office, for marriage is ordained a remedy for unlawful concupiscence, and natural concupiscence seemeth as a spur to marriage. But when men have at hand a remedy more agreeable to their corrupt will, marriage is almost expelled. And therefore there are with you seen infinite men that marry not, but chase rather a libertine and impure single life than to be yoked in marriage; and many that do marry, marry late, when the prime and strength of their years is past. And when they do marry, what is marriage to them but a very bargain, wherein is sought alliance, or portion [*dowry*], or reputation, with some desire (almost indifferent) of issue, and not the faithful nuptial union of man and wife, that was first instituted. Neither is it possible that those that have cast away so basely so much of their strength should greatly esteem children (being of the same matter) as chaste men do.

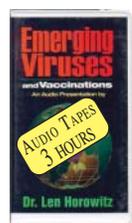
"So likewise during marriage is the case much amended, as it ought to be if those things were tolerated only for necessity? No, but they remain still as a very affront to marriage. The haunting of those dissolute places or resort to courtesans are no more punished in married men than in bachelors. And the depraved custom of change, and the delight in meretricious embracements (where sin is turned into art) maketh marriage a dull thing, and a kind of imposition or tax. They hear you defend these things, as done to avoid

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greater evils, as advoutries [*adulteries*], deflowering of virgins, unnatural lust, and the like. But they say this is a preposterous wisdom, and they call it 'Lot's offer' who to save his guests from abusing, offered his daughters; nay, they say farther that there is little gained in this, for that the same vices and appetites do still remain and abound, unlawful lust being like a furnace, that if you stop the flames altogether, it will quench, but if you give it any vent, it will rage.

"As for masculine love, they have no touch of it, and yet there are not so faithful and inviolate friendships in the world again as are there; and to speak generally (as I said before) I have not read of any such chastity in any people as theirs. And their usual saying is: 'That whosoever is unchaste cannot reverence himself.' And they say that: 'The reverence of a man's self is, next religion, the chiefest bridle of all vices.'"

And when he had said this the good Jew paused a little; whereupon I, far more willing to hear him speak on than to speak myself, yet thinking it decent that upon his pause of speech I should not be altogether silent, said only this; that I would say to him, as the widow of Sarepta said to Elias [*Elijah*], that he was come to bring to memory our sins; and that I confess the righteousness of Bensalem was greater than the righteousness of Europe. At which speech he bowed his head, and went on this manner:

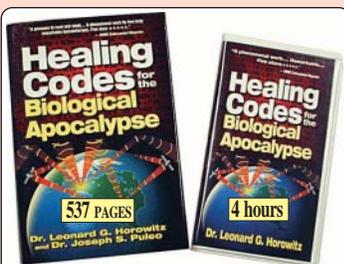
"They have also many wise and excellent laws touching marriage. They allow no polygamy. They have ordained that none do intermarry, or contract, until a month be past from their first interview. Marriage without consent of parents they do not make void, but they mulct [*punish by fine*] it in the inheritors; for the children of such marriages are not admitted to inherit above a third part of their parents' inheritance."

And as we were thus in conference, there came one that seemed to be a messenger, in a rich huke [*a kind of cape with a hood*], that spake with the Jew; whereupon he turned to me, and said: "You will pardon me, for I am commanded away in haste."

The next morning he came to me again, joyful as it seemed, and said: "There is word come to the Governor of the city, that one of the fathers of Salomon's House will be here this day seven-night; we have seen none of them this dozen years. His coming is in state; but the cause of his coming is secret. I will provide you and your fellows of a good standing [*standing place*] to see his entry." I thanked him, and told him I was most glad of the news.

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He was a man of middle stature and age, comely of person, and had an aspect as if he pitied men. He was clothed in a robe of fine black cloth, with wide sleeves, and a cape: his under garment was of excellent white linen down to the foot, girt with a girdle of the same; and a sindon or tippet of the same about his neck. He had gloves that were curious, and set with stone; and shoes of peach-colored velvet. His neck was bare to the shoulders. His hat was like a helmet, or Spanish montero [*a hunter's cap with a flap*]; and his locks curled below it decently: they were of color brown. His beard was cut round and of the same color with his hair, somewhat lighter. He was carried in a rich chariot, without wheels, litter-wise, with two horses at either end, richly trapped in blue velvet embroidered; and two footmen on each side in the like attire. The chariot was all of cedar, gilt, and adorned with crystal; save that the fore-end had panels of sapphires, set in borders of gold, and the hinder-end the like of emeralds of the Peru color. There was also a sun of gold, radiant upon the top, in the midst; and on the top before, a small cherub of gold, with wings displayed. The chariot was covered with cloth of gold tissue upon blue. He had before him fifty attendants, young men all, in white satin loose coats to the midleg; and stockings of white silk, and shoes of blue velvet; and hats of blue velvet with fine plumes of divers colors set round like hat-bands.

Next before the chariot went two men, bare-headed, in linen garments down to the foot, girt, and shoes of blue velvet, who carried the one a crosier, the other a pastoral staff like a sheep-hook: neither of them of metal, but the crosier of balmwood, the pastoral staff of cedar. Horsemen he had none, neither before nor behind his chariot: as it seemeth, to avoid all tumult and trouble. Behind his chariot

went all the officers and principals of the companies [*guilds*] of the city. He sat alone, upon cushions, of a kind of excellent plush, blue; and under his foot curious carpets of silk of divers colors, like the Persian, but far finer. He held up his bare hand, as he went, as blessing the people, but in silence. The street was wonderfully well kept; so that there was never any army had their men stand in better battle-array than the people stood. The windows likewise were not crowded, but every one stood in them, as if they had been placed.

When the show was passed, the Jew said to me: "I shall not be able to attend you as I would, in regard of some charge the city hath laid upon me for the entertaining of this great person." Three days after, the Jew came to me again, and said: "Ye are happy men; for the father of Salomon's House taketh knowledge of your being here, and commanded me to tell you that he will admit all your company to his presence, and have private conference with one of you that ye shall choose; and for this hath appointed the next day after tomorrow. And because he meaneth to give you his blessing, he hath appointed it in the forenoon."

We came at our day and hour, and I was chosen by my fellows for the private access. We found him in a fair chamber, richly hanged [*hung with tapestries*], and carpeted under foot without any degrees to the state [*steps to the canopy*]. He was set upon a low throne richly adorned, and a rich cloth of state over his head, of blue satin embroidered. He was alone, save that he had two pages of honor, on either hand one, finely attired in white. His under garments were the like that we saw him wear in the chariot; but instead of his gown, he had on him a mantle with a cape, of the same fine black, fastened about him. When we came in, as we were

taught, we bowed low at our first entrance; and when we were come near his chair, he stood up, holding forth his hand ungloved, and in posture of blessing; and we every one of us stooped down, and kissed the hem of his tippet. That done, the rest departed, and I remained. Then he warned the pages forth of the room, and caused me to sit down beside him, and spake to me thus in the Spanish tongue:

“God bless thee, my son; I will give thee the greatest jewel I have. For I will impart unto thee, for the love of God and men, a relation of the true state of Salomon’s House. Son, to make you know the true state of Salomon’s House, I will keep this order. First, I will set forth unto you the end of our foundation. Secondly, the preparations and instruments we have for our works. Thirdly, the several employments and functions whereto our fellows are assigned. And fourthly, the ordinances and rites which we observe.

“The end of our foundation is the knowledge of causes, and secret motions of things; and the enlarging of the bounds of human empire, to the effecting of all things possible.

“The preparations and instruments are these. We have large and deep caves of several depths; the deepest are sunk six hundred fathoms; and some of them are digged and made under great hills and mountains; so that if you reckon together the depth of the hill, and the depth of the cave, they are, some of them, above three miles deep. For we find that the depth of a hill, and the depth of a cave from the flat, is the same thing; both remote alike from the sun and heaven’s beams, and from the open air. These caves we call the lower region, and we use them for all

coagulations, indurations, refrigerations, and conservations of bodies [*thickening, hardening, chilling, and preserving for scientific research*]. We use them likewise for the imitation of natural mines, and the producing also of new artificial metals, by compositions and materials which we use, and lay there for many years. We use them also sometimes (which may seem strange) for curing of some diseases and for prolongation of life in some hermits that choose to live there, well accommodated of all things necessary, and indeed live very long; by whom also we learn many things.

“We have burials [*burial places*] in several earths, where we put divers [*various*] cements, as the Chinese do their porcelain. But we have them in greater variety, and some of them more fine. We also have great variety of composts and soils, for the making of the earth fruitful.

“We have high towers, the highest about half a mile in height, and some of them likewise set upon high mountains, so that the vantage of the hill, with the tower, is in the highest of them three miles at least. And these places we call the upper region, accounting the air between the high places and the low as a middle region. We use these towers, according to their several heights and situations, for insulation, refrigeration, conservation, and for the view of divers meteors [*phenomena of weather*]*—*as winds, rain, snow, hail; and some of the fiery meteors also. And upon them, in some places, are dwellings of hermits, whom we visit sometimes, and instruct what to observe.

“We have great lakes, both salt and fresh, whereof we have use for the fish and fowl. We use them also for burials of some

natural bodies, for we find a difference in things buried in earth, or in air below the earth, and things buried in water. We have also pools, of which some do strain fresh water out of salt, and others by art do turn fresh water into salt. We have also some rocks in the midst of the sea, and some bays upon the shore for some works, wherein is required the air and vapor of the sea. We have likewise violent streams and cataracts, which serve us for many motions; and likewise engines for multiplying and enforcing [*reinforcing*] of winds to set also on divers motions.

“We have also a number of artificial wells and fountains, made in imitation of the natural sources and baths, as tinted upon vitriol, sulphur, steel, brass, lead, niter, and other minerals; and again, we have little wells for infusions of many things, where the waters take the virtue quicker and better than in vessels or basins. And amongst them we have a water which we call Water of Paradise, being by that we do to it made very sovereign for health and prolongation of life.

“We have also great and spacious houses, where we imitate and demonstrate meteors*—*as snow, hail, rain, some artificial rains of bodies, and not of water, thunders, lightnings; also generations of bodies in air*—*as frogs, flies, and divers others.

“We have also certain chambers, which we call chambers of health, where we qualify the air as we think good and proper for the cure of divers diseases, and preservation of health.

“We have also fair and large baths, of several mixtures, for the cure of diseases and the restoring of man’s body from arefaction [*drying up*]; and others for the confirming of it in strength of sinews, vital parts, and the very juice and substance of the body.

“We have also large and various orchards and gardens, wherein we do not so much respect beauty as variety of ground and soil, proper for divers trees and herbs, and some very spacious, where trees and berries are set, whereof we make divers kinds of drinks, besides the vineyards. In these we practice likewise all conclusions [*experiments*] of grafting and inoculating, as well of wild trees as fruit trees, which produceth many effects. And we make by art, in the same orchards and gardens, trees and flowers to come earlier or later than their seasons, and to come up and bear more speedily than by their natural course they do. We make them also by art greater much than their nature; and their fruit greater and sweeter, and of differing taste, smell, color, and figure, from their nature. And many of

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“We have also means to make divers plants rise by mixtures of earths, without seeds, and likewise to make divers new plants, differing from the vulgar, and to make one tree or plant turn into another.

“We have also parks and enclosures of all sorts of beasts and birds; which we use not only for view or rareness, but likewise for dissections and trials, that thereby we may take light what may be wrought upon the body of man. Wherein we find many strange effects: as continuing life in them, though divers parts, which you account vital, be perished and taken forth; resuscitating of some that seem dead in appearance, and the like. We try also all poisons, and other medicines upon them, as well of chirurgery as physic [*of surgery as a medicine*]. By art likewise we make them greater or taller than their kind is, and contrariwise dwarf them and stay their growth; we make them more fruitful and bearing than their kind is, and contrariwise barren and not generative. Also we make them differ in color, shape, activity, many ways. We find means to make commixtures and copulations of divers kinds, which have produced many new kinds, and them not barren, as the general opinion is. We make a number of kinds, of serpents, worms, flies, fishes, of putrefaction [*rotting matter*], whereof some are advanced (in effect) to be perfect creatures, like beasts or birds, and have sexes, and do propagate. Neither do we this by chance, but we know beforehand of what matter and commixture, what kind of those creatures will arise.

“We have also particular pools where we make trials upon fishes, as we have said before of beasts and birds. “We have also places for breed and generation of those kinds of worms and flies which are of special use; such as are with you, your silkworms and bees.

“I will not hold you long with recounting of our brew-houses, bake-houses, and kitchens, where are made divers drinks, breads, and meats, rare and of special effects. Wines we have of grapes, and drinks of other juice, of fruits, of grains, and of roots, and of mixtures with honey, sugar, manna, and fruits dried and decocted [*condensed*]; also of the tears or woundings of trees, and of the pulp of canes. And these drinks are of several ages, some to the age or last [*duration*] of forty years. We have drinks also brewed with several herbs, and roots and spices; yea, with several fleshs and white-meats; whereof some of the drinks are such as they are in effect meat and drink both, so that divers, especially in age, do desire to live with them with little

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or no meat or bread. And above all we strive to have drinks of extreme thin parts [*properties*], to insinuate into the body, and yet without all biting, sharpness, or fretting; insomuch as some of them, put upon the back of your hand, will with a little stay pass through to the palm, and taste yet mild to the mouth. We have also waters which we ripen in that fashion, as they become nourishing, so that they are indeed excellent drinks, and many will use no other.

“Bread we have of several grains, roots, and kernels; yea, and some of flesh, and fish, dried; with divers kinds of leavenings and seasonings; so that some do extremely move appetites, some do nourish so, as divers do live of them, without any other meat, who live very long. So for meats, we have some of them so beaten, and made tender, and mortified, yet without all corrupting, as a weak heat of the stomach will turn them into good chilus [*chyle; stomach contents readily absorbed by the intestines*], as well as a strong heat would meat otherwise prepared. We have some meats also, and breads, and drinks which taken by men enable them to fast long after; and some other that used make the very flesh of men's bodies sensibly more hard and tough, and their strength far greater than otherwise it would be.

“We have dispensaries or shops of medicines; wherein you may easily think, if we have such variety of plants and living creatures, more than you have in Europe (for we know what you have), the simples [*herbs*], drugs, and ingredients of medicines, must likewise be in so much the greater variety. We have them likewise of divers ages, and long fermentations. And for their preparations, we have not only all manner of exquisite distillations and separations, and especially by gentle heats, and percolations through divers strainers, yea, and substances; but also exact forms of composition, whereby they incorporate almost as they were natural simples.

“We have also divers mechanical arts

which you have not; and stuffs made by them, as papers, linen, silks, tissues, dainty works of feathers of wonderful luster, excellent dyes, and many others: and shops likewise, as well for such as are not brought into vulgar use amongst us, as for those that are. For you must know, that of the things before recited, many of them are grown into use throughout the kingdom, but yet, if they did flow from our invention, we have of them also for patterns and principles.

“We have also furnaces of great diversities, and that keep great diversity of heats: fierce and quick, strong and constant, soft and mild; blown, quiet, dry, moist, and the like. But above all we have heats, in imitation of the Sun's and heavenly bodies' heats, that pass divers inequalities, and (as it were) orbs, progresses, and returns, whereby we produce admirable effects. Besides, we have heats of dungs, and of bellies and maws of living creatures and of their bloods and bodies, and of hays and herbs laid up moist, of lime unquenched, and such like. Instruments also which generate heat only by motion. And farther, places for strong insulations; and again, places under the Earth, which by nature or art yield heat. These divers heats we use as the nature of the operation which we intend requireth.

“We have also perspective houses, where we make demonstrations of all lights and radiations, and of all colors; and out of things uncolored and transparent, we can represent unto you all several colors, not in rainbows (as it is in gems and prisms), but of themselves single. We represent also all multiplications of light, which we carry to great distance, and make so sharp, as to discern small points and lines. Also all colorations of light; all delusions and deceits of the sight, in figures, magnitudes, motions, colors; all demonstrations of shadows. We find also divers means yet unknown to you of producing of light, originally from divers bodies. We procure means of seeing

objects afar off, as in the heaven and remote places; and represent things near as afar off, and things afar off as near; making feigned distances. We have also helps for the sight, far above spectacles and glasses in use. We have also glasses and means to see small and minute bodies perfectly and distinctly; as the shapes and colors of small flies and worms, grains, and flaws in gems which cannot otherwise be seen, observations in urine and blood not otherwise to be seen. We make artificial rainbows, halos, and circles about light. We represent also all manner of reflections, refractions, and multiplications of visual beams of objects.

“We have also precious stones of all kinds, many of them of great beauty and to you unknown; crystals likewise, and glasses of divers kinds; and amongst them some of metals vitrified [*turned into glass*], and other materials, besides those of which you make glass. Also a number of fossils and imperfect minerals, which you have not. Likewise loadstones of prodigious virtue: and other rare stones, both natural and artificial.

“We have also sound-houses, where we practice and demonstrate all sounds and their generation. We have harmonies which you have not, of quarter-sounds and lesser slides of sounds. Divers instruments of music likewise to you unknown, some sweeter than any you have; together with bells and rings that

are dainty and sweet. We represent small sounds as great and deep; likewise great sounds, extenuate [*thin*] and sharp; we make divers tremblings and warblings of sounds, which in their original are entire. We represent and imitate all articulate sounds and letters, and the voices and notes of beasts and birds. We have certain helps which set to the ear do further the hearing greatly. We have also divers strange and artificial echoes, reflecting the voice many times, and as it were tossing it; and some that give back the voice louder than it came, some shriller and some deeper: yea, some rendering the voice, differing in the letters or articulate sound from that they receive. We have also means to convey sounds in trunks [*tubes*] and pipes, in strange lines and distances.

“We have also perfume-houses, wherewith we join also practices of taste. We multiply smells, which may seem strange: we imitate smells, making all smells to breathe out of other mixtures than those that give them. We make divers imitations of taste likewise, so that they will deceive any man’s taste. And in this house we contain also a confiture-house, where we make all sweetmeats, dry and moist, and divers pleasant wines, milks, broths, and salads, far in greater variety than you have.

“We have also engine-houses, where are prepared engines and instruments for all sorts of motions. There we imitate and practice to make swifter motions than any you have, either out of your muskets or any engine that you have; and to make them and multiply them more easily and with small force, by wheels and other means, and to make them stronger and more violent than yours are, exceeding your g r e a t e s t cannons and basilisks [*a long cannon*]. We represent also ordnance and instruments of war and engines of all

kinds; and likewise new mixtures and compositions of gunpowder, wildfires burning in water and unquenchable, also fireworks of all variety, both for pleasure and use.

“We imitate also flights of birds; we have some degrees [*of success*] of flying in the air. We have ships and boats for going under water and brooking of seas, also swimming girdles and supporters. We have divers curious clocks, and other like motions of return, and some perpetual motions. We imitate also motions of living creatures by images of men, beasts, birds, fishes, and serpents; we have also a great number of other various motions, strange for equality, fineness, and subtlety.

“We have also a mathematical-house, where are represented all instruments, as well of geometry, as astronomy, exquisitely made.

“We have also houses of deceits of the senses, where we represent all manner of feats of juggling, false apparitions, impostures, and illusions, and their fallacies. And surely you will easily believe that we, that have so many things truly natural which induce admiration, could in a world of particulars deceive the senses if we would disguise those things, and labor to make them seem more miraculous. But we do hate all impostures and lies, insomuch as we have severely forbidden it to all our fellows under pain of ignominy and fines, that they do not show any natural work or thing adorned or swelling, but only pure as it is, and without all affectation of strangeness.

“These are, my son, the riches of Salomon’s House.

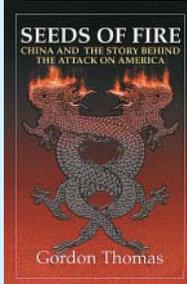
“For the several employments and offices of our fellows, we have twelve that sail into foreign countries under the names of other nations (for our own we conceal), who bring us the books and abstracts, and patterns of experiments of all other parts. These we call Merchants of Light.

“We have three that collect the experiments which are in all books. These we call Depredators.

“We have three that collect the experiments of all mechanical arts, and also of liberal sciences, and also of practices which are not brought into arts. These we call Mystery-men.

“We have three that try new experiments, such as themselves think good. These we call Pioneers or Miners.

“We have three that draw the experiments of the former four into titles and tables, to give the better light for the drawing of observations and axioms out of them. These we call Compilers.



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“We have three that bend themselves, looking into the experiments of their fellows, and cast about how to draw out of them things of use and practice for man’s life and knowledge, as well for works as for plain demonstration of causes, means of natural divinations, and the easy and clear discovery of the virtues and parts of bodies. These we call Dowry-men or Benefactors.

“Then, after divers meetings and consults of our whole number to consider of the former labors and collections, we have three that take care out of them to direct new experiments, of a higher light, more penetrating into Nature than the former. These we call Lamps.

“We have three others that do execute the experiments so directed, and report them. These we call Inoculators.

“Lastly, we have three that raise the former discoveries by experiments into greater observations, axioms, and aphorisms. These we call Interpreters of Nature.

“We have also, as you must think, novices and apprentices, that the succession of the former employed men do not fail; besides a great number of servants and attendants, men and women.

“And this we do also: we have consultations, which of the inventions and experiences which we have discovered shall be published, and which not; and take all an oath of secrecy for the concealing of those which we think fit to keep secret, though some of those we do reveal sometimes to the state, and some not.

“For our ordinances and rites, we have two very long and fair galleries; in one of these we place patterns and samples of all manner of the more rare and excellent inventions; in the other we place the statues of all principal inventors. There we have the statue of your Columbus, that discovered the West Indies; also the inventor of ships; your monk that was the inventor of ordnance and of gunpowder [*Roger Bacon*]; the inventor of music; the inventor of letters; the inventor of printing; the inventor of observations of astronomy; the inventor of works in metal; the inventor of glass; the inventor of silk of the worm; the inventor of wine; the inventor of corn and bread; the inventor of sugars; and all these by more certain tradition than you have. Then we have divers inventors of our own, of excellent works, which since you have not seen, it were too long to make descriptions of them; and besides, in the right understanding of those descriptions you might easily err. For upon every invention of value we erect a statue to the inventor, and give him a liberal and

honorable reward. These statues are some of brass, some of marble and touchstone, some of cedar and other special woods gilt and adorned; some of iron, some of silver, some of gold.

“We have certain hymns and services, which we say daily, of laud and thanks to God for His marvelous works. And forms of prayer, imploring His aid and blessing for the illumination of our labors, and the turning of them into good and holy uses.

“Lastly, we have circuits or visits of divers principal cities of the kingdom; where, as it cometh to pass, we do publish such new profitable inventions as we think good. And we do also declare natural divinations [*forecasting by natural observation*] of diseases, plagues, swarms of hurtful creatures, scarcity, tempests, earthquakes, great inundations, comets, temperature of the year, and divers other things; and we give counsel thereupon, what the people shall do for the prevention and remedy of them.”

And when he had said this he stood up; and I, as I had been taught, knelt down; and he laid his right hand upon my head, and said: “God bless thee, my son, and God bless this relation which I have made. I give thee leave to publish it, for the good of other nations; for we here are in God’s bosom, a land unknown.”

And so he left me; having assigned a value of about two thousand ducats for a bounty to me and my fellows. For they give great largesses, where they come, upon all occasions.

[*end quoting*]

How often while reading this did you have to remind yourself that it was written about 1623? Did parts of it strike you as similar to the visionary prose of the great prophet Nostradamus from a century earlier? In any event, the overall picture being painted is unmistakably one of what CAN be accomplished in a society resting on a strong foundation of freedom. And that picture is no doubt close to the long-term aspirations our Founding Fathers wished to preserve through the new nation dedicated to freedom.

Closing Thoughts On Freedom

As we come to the end of this wide-ranging survey, hopefully what you have read will trigger your own personal meditation on a gift so profound, yet so taken for granted in the United States, as is freedom.

Perhaps in summary it could be said that freedom is a state of being that implies rights and responsibilities.

Rights are like muscles—you need to exercise them. Responsibilities are like the weights you lift with those muscles to keep strong and fit.

Granted, we are a society of laws; yet if the laws are too restrictive of fundamental freedoms, too much against the common good, too destructive of the creative human spirit, then action MUST be taken to repeal those laws. Complacency only leads to further controls on the populace, like a growing cancer left unchecked.

As our Founding Fathers so wisely (and practically) asserted, elected leadership is the workable mechanism that runs a free republic. But if those elected officials are not upholding their sworn representational responsibilities, elect them out of office! That means the citizenry must be responsible enough to pay attention to what their representatives are up to.

And just WHO ought to be one of those representatives of the people? Perhaps YOU! Run for office yourself. Work at the local level. Work at the city, county, and state level. Start town meetings. Help in the drafting of local legislation. Repeal bad legislation. Roll-up your sleeves and get involved. Write an editorial in your local newspaper. Talk to family and friends and your elected officials. Start your own watchdog group on matters of particular interest or expertise. The possibilities are as endless as is freedom’s profound yet often overlooked importance—like the air we breathe.

Remember that much can be accomplished through a political approach of non-violent non-cooperation with regard to outside influences. Rise above the herd-of-sheep mentality used to control the masses.

You are as free as you want to be, within common limits of civility toward your fellow citizens. Or as David Icke might say, we are each as free as we perceive freedom in our minds.

Give thanks for the freedoms we still do enjoy. And if you don’t feel free, why don’t you? Is it something you can change? If so, what’s stopping you?

Just because our government’s government has long been actively involved in mind-control of the masses doesn’t mean that living free is not possible. Break their programming and regain control of your own mind.

Start thinking. Start creating. Put those ideas into constructive action. The choice, as always, is yours to make.

Let’s reclaim America’s great experiment in freedom. It’s our most precious gift from God. △

California Reamin': California And The Power Pirates

Editor's note: Longtime readers of The SPECTRUM may recall our February 2001 issue's front-page story on the then-common electric power blackouts titled Will The Lights Go Out In California And The Nation? Expert Exposes Fraud & Greed. It was many months after that before snippets of similar information, as we presented then, began to trickle out of other alternative news sources, and eventually a few mainstream news conduits presented extremely watered-down versions of what happened. And then it all went away like a bad dream—with the taxpayers holding yet another highway robbery bill, as usual, while politicians faked compassion, as usual.

What you are about to read is not only the first good investigative work we have seen on this important NATIONAL matter since the lights came back on in California, but the style in which it is presented ranks in that category of the truly exceptional, as a kindred witty spirit to Michael Moore's widely appealing work.

The following is excerpted from a book titled The Best Democracy Money Can Buy by wickedly fine writer and investigative journalist Greg Palast. (See the information box for this book nearby.)

According to a background article on Greg at the www.zmag.org website which promotes his work:

"Katherine Harris [who helped Jeb Bush fabricate his brother's Florida presidential victory] calls Greg Palast 'twisted and maniacal' but in Britain he's known as 'the most important investigative reporter of our time' (Tribune Magazine).

"Despite breaking some of the decade's biggest stories (the theft of the elections in Florida, Enron's machinations, the real story of the coup d'etat in Venezuela, and more), this Los Angeles-born journalist's work has been all but banned in the U.S.A.—except at ZNet which first brought his writings for the [London] Guardian and BBC to America.

"Palast's new book, the new U.S. edition of The Best Democracy Money Can Buy, has been rising up the New York Times bestseller list since it's release last month."

And rightly it should—just like Michael Moore's quietly suppressed book Stupid White Men—since Greg tackles Truth head-on, and with the kind of ironic humor which can only be generated by the very highest-level crooks up to their usual no-good antics.

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On April 10, 1989, Jacob "Jake" Horton, senior vice president of Southern Company's Gulf Power unit, boarded the company plane to confront his board of directors over the company's accounting games and illegal payments to local politicians. Minutes after takeoff, the plane exploded. Later that day, police received an anonymous call: "You can stop investigating Gulf Power now."

Fast-forward to December 2000. The lights in San Francisco blink out. Wholesale electricity prices in California rise on some days by 7,000 %, and San Francisco's power company declares bankruptcy.

Dick Cheney, just selected vice president by the U.S. Supreme Court, begins a series of secret meetings with power company executives. On their advice, within three days of Bush's inaugural, his Energy Department wipes away regulations against price gouging and profiteering ordered that December by outgoing President Clinton.

Out of Cheney's off-the-record meetings came the energy plan released by the president in May 2001. Billed as the response to the California electricity crisis, the president told us the plan contained the magic potion to end the power shortage. Then, after the horrors of September 11, 2001, the plan was remarketed as a weapon against Middle East terrorists.

Nasty-minded readers may believe

the Bush energy program, still rolling around Congress, is just some pea-brained scheme to pay off the president's oil company buddies, fry the planet, and smother Mother Earth in coal ash, petroleum pollutants, and nuclear waste. In truth, it's more devious than that.

There is a link running from Jake's exploding plane to blackouts on the Golden Gate Bridge to the polluters' wet dream of an energy plan offered by Cheney and Bush. They are connected through the mystical economics of electricity deregulation.

Beneath the murky surface of this odd backwater of market theory is a multicontinental war over the ownership and control of \$4 trillion in public utility infrastructure—gas, water, telephone, and electricity lines—a story that began a decade earlier with Jake Horton and continued through a coup d'état in Pakistan and the bankruptcy of a company called Enron.

Andersen's Magic Show

In 1989, I was brought into an investigation of Horton's employer, Southern Company of Atlanta, by Georgia civic groups suspicious that Southern had overcharged its several million electricity customers in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. I focused on transcripts of tape recordings made a year earlier by accountant Gary Gilman.

Wearing a hidden microphone, Gilman recorded his fellow executives detailing the method by which Southern charged customers \$61 million for spare parts which, in fact, had not been used. Like all good accountants, Southern's kept a careful record of the phantom parts in electronic ledgers—found in the trunk of one executive's car. I obtained copies of the documents, spending months decoding the accounts, gaining an insight into what would, a decade later, lead to blackouts and bankruptcies from California to Argentina.

There's two sets of numbers—one for government and one for the boys at the top of the company structure to keep track of reality. Here's where it turns a little technical. The parts held in inventory should have been "capitalized"—that is, listed as an investment in "Account 154". In fact, they were "expensed"—to use the accounting lingo—and charged as if they were used. The difference between capitalizing and expensing is the difference between having your cake (investing) and eating it (using it up).

Moving numbers from one account to the other cheated the IRS and bill payers out of millions.

Shortly after Horton's death, a grand jury in Atlanta was prepared to indict Southern Company's Georgia unit for the spare-parts accounting manipulations. But, invoking a rarely used procedure under the federal racketeering statute, Bush Senior's Justice Department overruled local prosecutors to quash the request for indictment. The reason? Keeping hidden accounts in secret files and booking costs into the wrong accounts may be a bit unusual, and may have cost the public a bundle, but it was approved at each step by that upstanding auditing firm, Arthur Andersen.

Indeed they had. I found one letter from Andersen coaching the power company executives on how to wave a bookkeeping magic wand over the spare-parts records to make the problem disappear.

I suggested at the time: "Why not indict Andersen?" and proposed a civil racketeering claim against the accounting giant, naming them as Southern's co-conspirator.

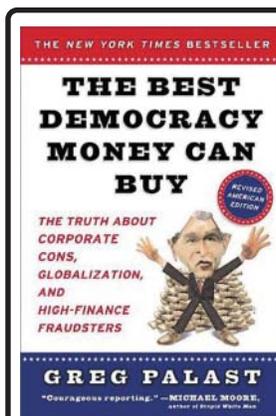
My suggestion, not surprisingly, was dismissed with a chuckle by lawyers who understood that politics trumps law.

The signal from the Bush Administration was clear enough: Hire Andersen, knead your account books like cookie dough, and get a "Get Out of Jail Free" card.

The New World Business Order

What about poor Jake? "Looks like he saw no other way out" says former Southern chairman A. W. "Bill" Dahlberg of the airplane explosion.

A suicide? Jake's brother doubts it: He says Horton had planned to meet with the U.S. attorney in Atlanta. Jake apparently had a lot to say about Southern's charging consumers for loads of coal bought from an affiliated mining company. At times the train cars were



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filled with rock instead of coal.

Jake's death and the failure to indict Southern and Andersen in 1989 marked the radical turning point, albeit unseen at the time, in the way corporate America would do business—or, as it turned out, fail to do business.

This "new world business order" would be lead by power, water, and natural gas corporations and telecommunications (what we used to call phone companies).

Until the 1990s, U.S. state governments kept a tight lid on these monopolies' profits. America's old regulatory system, based on public hearings and open records, was uniquely democratic, found nowhere else in the world. This was a legacy of the Populists, an armed and angry farmers' movement whose struggles from 1900 through 1930 bequeathed to Americans just about the lowest priced, most reliable electricity services in the world—which is, of course, anathema to power company shareholders.

In 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt caged the man he believed to be the last of the power pirates, Samuel Insull, a wheelerdealer whose electricity trust companies were cesspools of rigged prices, cooked books, watered stock, and suffocating monopoly. Roosevelt hit Insull and his ilk with the *Public Utility Holding Company Act*, the *Federal Power Act* and the *Federal Communications Act* which, combined with state laws, told electricity, gas, telephone, and water companies when to sit, stand, and salute.

[Editor's note: *Actually, Roosevelt's actions were an exercise akin to our*

modern government's "war on drugs" in order to get the ambitious amateurs out of a domain the wealthy elite controllers wished to rule themselves, now that the technologies had evolved enough to prove their sustained worth.]

Prices and profits were capped; the tiniest asset had to be accounted for; issuing stock and bonds required government approval; sales between affiliated companies were controlled; "offshore" and "off-books" subsidiaries were prohibited; and lights kept on by force of law: no blackout blackmail to hike prices. Furthermore, FDR made political donations from these companies illegal—no soft money, no hard money, no money period.

Roosevelt's rules held for half a century. And utilities hated it, for good reason.

Southern Company was typical: In the 1980s, it was an unremarkable regional electricity company dying the death of a thousand financial cuts. Consumer groups used the old regulatory hearings to force Southern to eat the company's dumb investments on overpriced nuclear plants. As a result, Southern showed nothing but cash losses for years.

Then CEO Dahlberg, who took over after Horton's death, conceived an unorthodox way out for Southern from its regulatory and financial troubles. The company had tried breaking the law without much to show for it. (It pled guilty to political donations, a felony crime, and suffered penalties, though not criminal charges, for its accounting games.)

Now it would go straight—not by

adhering to the law, but by changing the law to adhere to Dahlberg's plan. That plan was not small stuff: The near-bankrupt local company would take over the entire planet's electricity system and, at the same time, completely eliminate from the face of the Earth those pesky utility regulations that had crushed his company's fortunes.

California blackouts were just a hiccup on the road to the astonishing success of this astonishing program. Today, in 2003, Southern is by far the biggest power company in America (that is, since the collapse of Enron).

In early 2001, America's papers were filled with tales of the woes of the two California electric companies bleeding from \$12 billion in payments for electricity supplies. Yet, at the time, virtually nothing was said of the companies collecting their serum: Southern and a half dozen of its corporate fellow-travelers: Entergy International of Little Rock, Duke Power of North Carolina, and Texas operators Reliant, TXU, Dynergy, El Paso Corp, and Enron.

Until November 2001, when America discovered a hole in Houston where Enron used to be, the U.S. press could not be bothered with the who, how, and why of these companies. True, there were some profiles of Enron's chairman, Ken Lay, but these were drooling hagiographies portraying Enron's chairman as a cross between Einstein and Elvis.

America's media have finally taken note of the Harry Potter accounting methods of many U.S. corporations. But I have yet to read the whole truth: that this ledger-deman began with the senior

Bush's crusade to eliminate Roosevelt's pesky rules, and crucially, the utility accountants' rule book, the *Uniform System Of Accounts*.

Electricity deregulation, voted into law in 1992, the last big gimme for Bush donors before the elder Bush left the White House, tore the heart out of FDR's *Holding Company Act*. At the same time, Bush's Federal Communications Commission castrated its own oversight system.

As a result, the *Uniform System Of Accounts* became a museum curiosity. Without it, power and telecommunications companies could outfit their balance sheets with antigravity shoes. It is no accident that ten of the twenty mega-bankruptcies of the last two years involved the utility industry. Two companies in particular—WorldCom and Global Crossing—became virtuosi at the trick that got Southern in trouble in the pre-deregulation days: switching capital and expense items.

When Global Crossing paid Bush that \$13 million in stock for one chat in 1998, was it for his golden words or gratitude for his bulldozing the stop signs and safety rails that once constrained Global Crossing's industry?

What was a crime in 1980, by 2000 became "entrepreneurship".

These so-called reforms didn't come cheap. The electric utility industry showered pols with \$18.9 million in the last presidential campaign spree, though for every dollar Gore wheedled from the power players, Bush took seven.

But the official records of donations don't tell half the story. GreenMountain.com is one of the power-selling creatures created in Bush Senior's deregulation laboratory, founded by Sam Wyly. The Wyly clan of Texas are billionaires listed with the Federal Elections Commission as the eleventh largest contributor to George W. Bush's campaigns, with donations totaling a quarter million dollars. But that's just the tip of the cash-berg. The Wyllys laid out a crucial \$2.5 million for Bush that you won't find on any campaign report. These millions paid for venomous advertisements aired in March 2000 smearing Senator John McCain who was, until then, wiping the electoral floor with Bush Junior in the Republican primaries.

Bush Senior's killing of federal regulations in 1992 put Sam Wyly in the power biz. Still, there were restrictions at the state level. Bush Junior's deregulation act, which Wyly's company helped draft, gave Wyly the right to sell into that big Western market. On the day

George W. signed the Texas law, Sam Wyly said: "Governor Bush's hard work and leadership have paid off." And, it seems, in March 2000, the Wyllys paid back.

The Rantings Of A Woman In Authority

The cloudburst of cash for politicians was not limited to, nor really begun, in the U.S.A. The success of the plan by Southern, Enron, and their Texas followers for world power conquest (or, if you prefer, "vision for globalization of energy supplies") hinged on Britain.

As the economist J. M. Keynes said: "The mad rantings of men in authority often have their origins in the jottings of some forgotten professor of economics." The professor in question here is Dr. Stephen Littlechild.

In the 1970s, young Stephen, a Briton who studied at the University of Texas, cooked up a scheme to replace British government ownership of utilities with something almost every economist before him said simply violated all accepted theorems and plain common sense: a free market in electricity. The fact that a truly free market didn't exist and cannot possibly work did not stop Britain's woman in authority, prime minister Margaret Thatcher, from adopting it.

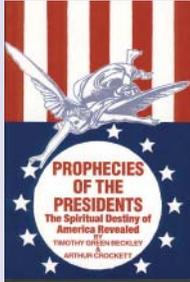
It was more than free market theories that convinced her. Whispering in her ear was one Lord Wakeham, then merely "John" Wakeham, Thatcher's energy minister. Wakeham approved the first "merchant" power station. It was owned by a company created only in 1985—Enron. Lord Wakeham's decision meant that, for the first time in any nation, an electricity plant owner, namely Enron, could charge whatever the market could bear—or, more accurately, could not bear.

It was this act in 1990 that launched Enron as the deregulated international power trader. Shortly thereafter, Enron named Wakeham to its board of directors and placed him on Enron's Audit And Compliance Committee, charged with keeping an eye on the company's accounting methods.

In addition to his board fee (\$10,000 a month), the company paid him for consulting services. If that strikes you as a conflict of interest, conflict is Wakeham's forté. His lordship took the Enron posts while remaining a voting member of Parliament. In Britain, that's quite legal.

Following the Enron deal, Wakeham pushed the British government to sell off every power plant in the nation along

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with all the wires from plant to home. Thatcher then launched the England-Wales Power Pool, Professor Littlechild's dream: an auction house for kilowatts that would set electricity prices for the nation based on free-market principles.

On paper, the Power Pool was an academic beauty to behold. The new, privately owned power plant owners would bid against each other every day, ruthlessly undercutting each other's prices for the right to sell to England's consumers, who would, as a result of this market competition, benefit from lower bills.

That was the theory. I can't say whether the market scheme failed in minutes or days, but the Power Pool quickly became a playground for what the industry called "gaming"—bid manipulation techniques that allowed the deregulated companies to expertly vacuum the pockets of consumers. Electricity prices jumped, and the owners of the power plants saw their investments grow in value by 300% to 400% virtually overnight.

Thatcher put the nutty professor Littlechild in charge of regulating the power industry mess. When his term ended in 1998, he left behind a "free market" that worked like a fixed casino and stank of collusion. Littlechild then landed on the board of one of Enron's strange little affiliate companies.

There was no way that Southern was going to let Enron and the Brits have all the loot to themselves. In 1995, the Atlanta company, besieged at home by consumers and regulators, bought up England's South Western Electricity Board. In England, Southern could charge double what they charged in Georgia, and earn five times the profit allowed by U.S. regulators.

This was the first purchase ever by an American power company outside the United States. The takeover was new, bold—and illegal.

Or, at least the law said so.

Bush Senior had mangled and beaten FDR's regulations, but many still stood, including the prohibition, written in clear no-nonsense language, that barred U.S. electric companies from gambling on foreign operations (or even operating outside their home states). But as Enron showed, rules were made to be broken—or "reformed".

Despite a formal complaint by elderly "New Deal" Democratic congressmen, the Securities and Exchange Commission blessed the Southern Company purchase after the fact. Getting the SEC to bend over wasn't easy, but then, Southern had political



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insurance: Entergy International of Little Rock, Arkansas. Bill Clinton was president, and Entergy, his wife's former client, also wanted a piece of the English action.

Entergy, the near-bankrupt owner of some badly built nuclear plants and lines running across Louisiana and Arkansas, soon became the proud owner of giant London Electricity. In just eighteen months, Entergy would "flip" London to the French government for a gain of over \$1 billion. The return on investment was infinite; Entergy bought London without putting up one dime in equity cash.

Behind Southern and Entergy came TXU of Dallas, and other Americans, which within three years owned 70% of the British power distribution market, no money down. Southern nearly grabbed Britain's biggest power seller, but reports of accounting trickery forced the Tory government, then fighting a losing election battle, to ban the takeover.

The new government of Tony Blair was outwardly hostile to the American colonizers. But in 1998, while working undercover for the *Observer* newspaper, I secretly recorded the details of a backroom deal between government ministers and a power company executive to let Reliant of Houston take over the second largest company in England. I also learned that Blair had personally overruled his regulators to allow Enron and Entergy to build new deregulated power plants—the special request of the Clinton White House.

Texas Gets Lay'd

By 1998, after boarding and capturing England, U.S. power buccaners, led by

Southern, Enron, TXU, Reliant, and Entergy, had grabbed generating stations and wires on every continent save Antarctica.

But not in the United States, not at first. Americans believe in free enterprise, but we prefer cheap electricity and nearly free water, the product of a combination of our tight regulations and government ownership.

Almost alone on the planet, the U.S.A. stubbornly exempted itself from what the World Bank calls "neoliberal reform"—and this rankled the new international players who hungered to work the free-market con in the U.S.A. The industry lobbyists landed on two beachheads, Texas and California, the only two states with electric systems big enough, and governments Republican enough, to convert to "free" markets.

California was the first to fall over the electricity deregulation cliff, but Texas was the first to leap—with a push from its young new governor, George W. Bush. With Texas companies raking it in worldwide, it's not surprising that the rush to deregulate started in the Lone Star State.

But there was a technical problem that delayed the ripping down of regulation in Texas. To understand why requires a little lesson in engineering.

The power stations of Texas produce three things: electricity, pollution, and political donations. And, as always, Texas is biggest in all three.

Take, for example, the giant power plant named, with admirable candor, Big Brown, owned by TXU. When it comes to filth, Big Brown is champ. A strip mine near Waco stuffs Big Brown's furnaces with lignite, a kind of flammable dirt. TXU dumps 389,000 tons of contaminants into the air each year,

making it the number-one polluter in the number-one polluting state in the U.S.A.

Bush made Dallas residents gasp (literally) when he signed a “grandfather” statute exempting some TXU plants from laws requiring scrubbers for these fossil-burning dinosaurs. The other beneficiary: polluter number two, Reliant. **TXU and Reliant popped over half a million dollars into Bush’s second gubernatorial race.**

In 1995, the Clinton Justice Department opened an investigation into evidence of conspiracy by TXU and Reliant to monopolize the Texas power lines. The promised “competition” created by deregulation could placate the Feds and make Enron’s Ken Lay a very happy man at the same time. Problem was, TXU and Reliant were stuck with Big Brown and plants so costly, inefficient, dangerous, and contaminated that the companies would lose billions in a true competitive market.

Governor Bush was always cautious to avoid conflicts of interest—in this case, the conflict between the interests of his top donors, Enron, El Paso Corporation, and Dynegy (power traders), and TXU and Reliant (power producers).

Former Enron lobbyist Terry Thorn told me straight up this quandary for the governor kept Texas deregulation stalled for two legislative sessions, until Bush found a third party to pick up the tab: Texas electricity customers. In 1999, the governor, the power traders,

and power producers shook hands on a deal to add a \$9 billion “stranded cost” surcharge to Texans’ electric bills.

Ken Lay had another concern. Bush’s stranded cost surcharge would let the games begin, but if the deregulation house of cards ever folded, there would be hell to pay—because one set of rules remained: tort law, the unique right of Americans to sue the bastards who rip us off.

In 1994, the year Bush ran for governor, Lay founded Texans for Lawsuit Reform. Lay doesn’t fool around: TLR’s PAC pays out a million dollars a year to Lone Star politicians.

In 1995, Bush’s first big move as governor was to call an emergency session of the legislature to act on TLR’s agenda. “Tort reform”, in the hands of Bush and Lay, became tort deformed. The governor pushed through the legislature new restrictions on the right of stockholders, workers, and pensioners to sue rogue executives.

It looks like Ken Lay thought of everything.

The Texans Grab California By The Bulbs

While Texas companies delayed deregulation to haggle over the spoils, their lobbyists, and the industry’s, bored ahead in California.

Lincoln said you can’t fool all the people all the time—but, then, you don’t have to. To turn a quick buck, a slick line of academic hoodoo and some well-aimed campaign contributions will do the trick.

Like Columbus bringing Indians back to the Old World for display, the power industry lobbyists brought Margaret Thatcher’s professors and their wheezing free-market contraptions to California. In 1996, armed with the suspect calculations of well-compensated academics and inebriated with long droughts of utility political donations, the California legislature tossed out a regulatory system which, until then, had provided reasonably cheap, clean, reliable energy to the state.

Despite knowledge of the British disaster, the Sun-addled legislators wrote into the preamble of the enabling legislation the lobbyists’ line that a deregulated market would cut consumer prices by 20%.

In 1999, my parents sent me their bill from San Diego. Instead of the 20% savings promised by the law, in the first year of full deregulation, their energy charges rose 379% over the previous year.

But before the big bills hit San Diego, the new planetary power merchants, using a combination of money, muscle, and Americans’ penchant to follow the Hula Hoop state, suckered twenty-three other states into adopting deregulation laws.

Not every economist was for sale. Dr. Eugene Coyle, an incorruptible expert, calculated that his fellow Californians were in for a multibillion-dollar fleecing.

In 1998, in an extraordinary uprising of the lambs on the slaughterhouse ramp, Dr. Coyle and a band of community activists were able to get a referendum on the California ballot to overturn the legislature’s deregulation vote. The power merchants didn’t have to wait for the ballots to be counted to know the outcome: They had bought it.

In what is unarguably the highest price ever paid to buy an election, Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas and Electric, and their allies spent \$53 million to defeat professor Coyle’s proposal to slow deregulation.

From the get-go, California’s new computer-controlled electricity auction system was a mess. The flow chart looked like a bowl of linguini thrown against the wall. In confusion is profit, in complexity more profit. I smelled Texans. Commissioner Carl Wood, appointed after the blackout disasters began, told me that Enron had little to do with the initial lobbying for deregulation, but much to do with writing these weird, knotted details.

In 2000, Beth Emory told me something quite astonishing. Emory had been vice president and general counsel to the agency that oversees California’s auction house for kilowatts.

It struck me that, if Coyle and I knew the English-style system would lead to a price explosion and blackouts, certainly the Republican utility commissioners blessing the system knew it too. Politicians expressed po’-faced shock when in 2002 they discovered an Enron memo that describes tricks used to manipulate the market—with filmic names like Get Shorty, Death Star, and Ricochet.

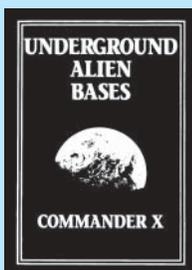
Yet every one of these tricks the power gang used on California had been well rehearsed in England. Even the players were the same: Enron, TXU, Duke, Southern California Edison (which owns England’s dams) and Southern of Atlanta. Over there, market hucksters used “stacking”, “cramming”, and “false scheduling”—Get Shorty’s crude progenitors.

So, I asked Emory, did the state go ahead with their deregulation plan

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knowing it would blow up? “Oh yes, we knew it” Emory told me in 2000. Now an industry lawyer in Washington, she added: “What happened [the blackouts and price explosion] was predictable. We knew last year we’d have serious problems.” There was, she said, discussion of stalling deregulation, but the political push was on, despite foreknowledge of disaster.

Insider Emory says the state was not surprised that, on the first hot summer day after deregulation, when California needed every bit of juice it could find, the small coterie of plant owners held California’s power system hostage. They could name their price for electricity and they did: \$9,999 per unit of power—30,000% above the old regulated price of about \$30.

Californians were lucky, says Emory: The power pirates thought that the state’s computer could only accept four-digit bids in the automated auction.

In fact, the computers would have accepted seven digits, bankrupting half the families in Los Angeles in a day.

But one man’s disaster is another man’s windfall. And if that other man is someone like Ken Lay or Steve Letbetter of Reliant, one might expect some of the windfall to end up in the Republican Party pokey. The Typhoid Mary of deregulation was California Utility Commission chairman Daniel Fessler who, after an industry-sponsored junket to England, carried back this economic virus to California. Fessler didn’t know a darn thing about electricity when Governor Wilson put him in charge of the state’s power agency, but as a Republican functionary, he certainly knew how to get the party’s bread buttered.

How They Did It

Markets for electricity don’t work and can’t work. Electricity is not a bagel—that is, unlike your morning muffin, you can’t do without it when it gets too pricey.

Enron knew that, too.

Shortly after the California market opened for business, for example, an Enron trader sold the state about 5,000 megawatts of power to go over a 15 megawatt line. That’s like trying to pour a gallon of gasoline into a thimble—it can’t be done. This forced the system operator, the agency that actually keeps our lights on, to make costly emergency purchases, blowing market prices through the roof. Enron, knowing in advance of the panic it would create, could earn a super-profit.

The slightest shortage on a hot or cold day and—whammo!—the tight little wolfpack of electricity sellers can

extract a limitless ransom. When the weather would not create a shortage, a monkey wrench could.

Repairs were scheduled at peak times. Reliant employees say the company was running plants at odd hours, “ramping” them up and down, which whistleblowers at the company considered deliberate sabotage.

Duke Power of North Carolina was less subtle. Its managers, say employees, simply threw away spare parts needed to keep the plants running. And San Diego’s power distribution company told me that Duke Power ordered them to shut down a plant during a shortage period—an order the California firm refused.

Merely by holding back the power from a single generator, the power merchants could make the electricity from their other plants worth more than gold.

In a report for California’s purchasing agency, Dr. Anjali Sheffrin had evidence that California power companies used “physical withholding” and “economic withholding” to create false shortages in California 98% of the time between May and November 2000.

Three giant companies (for which I have, frustratingly, only code names A1, A4, and A5) didn’t put in a single honest bid in those months. Add in “false congestion”, “false scheduling”, and “megawatt laundering”—and **the overcharges add up, conservatively, to \$6.2 billion in a single year.**

In addition to the \$39 million they paid to defeat Dr. Coyle’s anti-deregulation referendum in 1998, the three big California power companies—PG&E,

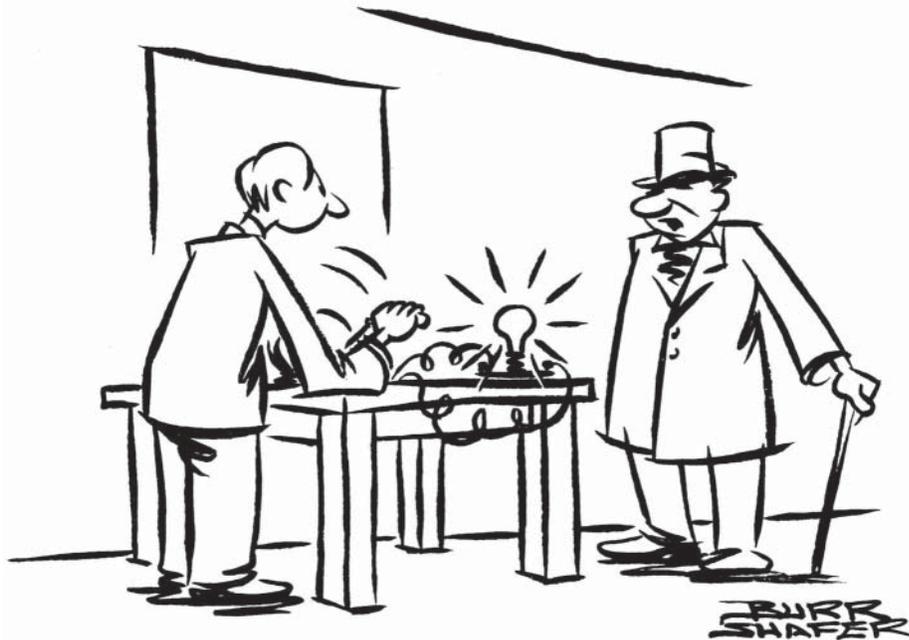
Edison, and Sempra—spent another \$34.8 million that year on lobbying and campaign contributions. **It was a big payout, but the payback in billions proved again that investing in politicians has a consistently higher rate of return than investing in plants or products.**

There are glimmers of justice. Pacific Gas & Electric, the company that crushed Dr. Coyle’s referendum, wrote a price freeze into that deregulation law. The sly codicil permitted the San Francisco outfit and its Los Angeles counterpart, Southern California Edison, to stuff their pockets with a \$20 billion windfall as oil prices fell. They earned even more selling off their power plants to the out-of-state power merchants—who then used all those English tricks to beat the two California companies financially senseless. Their \$20 billion windfall soon became a \$12 billion loss—and PG&E declared bankruptcy at the end of 2000.

But we didn’t have long to enjoy PG&E’s comeuppance. California’s governor, Gray Davis, moved to bail out the companies.

Davis signed off on long-term contracts to buy electricity for PG&E and Edison, some of it priced at \$500 per megawatt hour, more than ten times the old regulated tariff. The state is paying for these pricey contracts by issuing several billion dollars in government bonds. As Sam Wyly said, the Bushes’ hard work has paid off—and now, California will pay back at the rate of \$2 billion a year for thirty years.

In other words, California didn’t run out of energy, it ran out of government. △



“All well and good, Mr. Edison—but in a typical small town who’s going to volunteer to stay up all night generating electricity?”

“And The Walls Come Tumblin’ Down”

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Good morning, and thank you, my dear friend, for taking time from other pressing duties to provide this avenue for our signal to be stepped down in frequency and translated into words. My, but don't we sound “scientific” in our language today?! No matter, for that is the physics of the process, and we are, by nature and presence, of a scientific inclination.

I am Ceres Anthonious “Toniose” Soltec, and with me in blended energy for this particular message is the great scientific-humanitarian soul who some of you ones know and respect as Nikola Tesla. We are present in the Radiant One Light of Creator Source, and we come in Service to you, our brothers and sisters of Light.

For those of you newer readers who may be asking—yes, our messages are often of a “blended” nature, with input, as needed, from many beings of the Higher Realms—some you would recognize and some not. But on occasions when a message's contributions are from one or two dominant energies, their identification in your reference frame, if possible, often allows for your better “digestion” of the information being shared. And such is the case at this time.

As geophysical overseer of this current Earth Transition Project, I, Soltec, would first like to strongly suggest to all of you who appreciate these messages that you check the condition of your emergency supplies. Replace those old water containers and the dead batteries in your flashlights and radio, at the very least.

Your beautiful planetary being, Mother Earth, is moving into a time of experiencing greatly intensified cleansing

energies which are PARTLY responsible for causing—as a mechanism of her rebalancing process—an increase in seismic activity, including areas not generally known for such shaking.

I say “partly responsible” because these cleansing energies, while Good News for the health of Mother Earth, are Bad News for the dark entities struggling to maintain their longtime covert control over all aspects of your planetary environment. As a result, they, in turn, are redoubling their foolish, selfish, desperate use of poorly understood inter-dimensional technologies to attempt to nullify the incoming cleansing energies because these energies have quite uncomfortable effects on them—a subject we have discussed in many past messages within these pages.

This “tug-of-war” is like trying to protect a fragile sandcastle, built at the edge of the ocean seashore, from the next powerful incoming high-tide. It's only a matter of a short time before the entire beachfront is washed and renewed by the incoming waves.

But at this stage of the cleansing cycle, great efforts are always made to “fight the system” by those who prefer the way things are now—and therein results a great deal of turmoil, which originates in what could be called the etheric energy dimension (or higher-frequency band), and then ripples down into the physical and adds its contribution to increased seismic, volcanic, and meteorological disturbances.

Furthermore, you are witnessing an increase in what we have long termed “natural disaster warfare”. That is, the directed employment of covert “advanced” (to you) technologies to induce geographically localized disturbances

ranging from seismic, volcanic, and meteorological anomalies (like earthquakes, tornados, intense lightning, and deluges), to more subtle manipulations of what you could term a psychological nature (like apathy, confusion, or agitation perhaps leading to riots). Such

covert “bombardments” are usually directed to specific locations for political reasons of one kind or another.

The country of Turkey is a good recent example: First Turkey refused the United States a base from which to conduct the northern leg of the war on Iraq; then Turkey experienced a devastating earthquake, the intensity of which was at least a factor of ten stronger than reported (which, along with other “technical assistance” like was used to bring down your World Trade Center towers, caused a high degree of damage to even newer, better-built buildings); and then there was generated widespread, often violent rioting of the citizenry in affected areas—which the controlled media reported to you was in response to governmental incompetence.

Note what happens: The Turkish government is effectively made to look inept on the world stage, as well as made to deal with a very big mess that, in turn, causes a further heavy drain of resources. All this to repay Turkey for opposing “the great satan” in carrying out an unconscionable assault on Iraq—an innocent people and a region rich in historical clues to man's TRUE heritage on planet Earth.

These tit-for-tat events of natural disaster warfare go on and on—usually between the United States and Russia (as fronts for opposing factions of your so-called elite controllers). And they do not simply end, as you may suppose, with the desired objective. They have a cumulative “domino effect” that in turn often triggers other events, elsewhere on your planet, as she works to balance out such focused unnatural energies at both etheric and physical levels.

So, a strong word to the wise at this time would be to check your various emergency provisions, just in case you happen to get caught in the crossfire of one of these “snowball fights” representing many levels of ongoing lessons, most of which are having to be learned the hard way!

[Editor's note: You readers might be interested to know that this message was

**“The Supreme Law of the
land is the Great Spirit's Law,
not man's law.”**

— Hopi wisdom

penned only 12-18 hours before the start of an astonishing wave of peculiar and devastating storm activities that continues as of the writing of this note, seven days later. The Southeast United States is still under relentless "attack", while other violent and equally peculiar storm cells (even to the meteorologists quoted on major media outlets) have devastated many areas of the Midwest, and even appeared all the way over in Denver, causing much damage there.

Some of you longtime readers of The SPECTRUM may notice that many of these "natural disaster warfare" storms "coincidentally" bombard areas known for unusual events (like fried dead birds falling from the sky on a clear day) that some would rightly associate with shenanigans from secret underground technical facilities nearby.

Besides the usual structural damage, nearly a hundred deaths (so far reported), many thousands of injuries, and hundreds of thousands of people now homeless, who were caught in these terrible events, there has been extensive agricultural (food supply) damage inflicted all the way to the West Coast. The West Coast weather has been off the media radar screens due to the violence (ratings pizzazz) of these other storms. There, however, mounting food-crop damage is primarily due to unusually prolonged overcast, rainy, and cold conditions that have kept the ground soggy and temperatures in some growing areas—get this—consistently 20°-30° below normal for this time of year!]

We would further call your attention to a recent message from the Hopi nation [shared nearby] which wisely urges not just basic physical preparations, but additional kinds of preparation at the mental and spiritual levels consistent with many past messages shared within these pages.

You see, with great nurturing compassion, and at painful personal expense, Mother Earth has been dedicated to providing a wonderfully interactive schoolroom environment. And that holds not just for those students who you can see, but also for many you can't, who you may not even realize are participating in the lessons underway.

And it's that matter—of unseen participants in the unfolding drama—which takes us into our next topic of discussion. Though such occurrences are not within the direct field of perception of most of you at this time, many of you are (or will be) nonetheless FEELING THE EFFECTS of what we wish to discuss.

Let us first take a brief aside here to describe a matter that, while it relates to our message, always perplexes our scribe when

it happens—until the "pieces of the puzzle" later come together in clarity.

What happened is, starting a day or so before penning this message, our scribe "heard"—like a radio playing in the background of one's thoughts—your old American spiritual tune called "Joshua Fit [Led] The Battle Of Jericho" which is also the first line of the tune's lyrics. The second line, completing the stanza of musical thought, goes: "And the walls come tumblin' down."

Now—consider the main ideas we discussed earlier, and recall that, in the biblical story, Joshua's group brought the walls of the city of Jericho down with a ritual procedure (focusing of mind and etheric energies) that culminated in the blowing of horns (mixing mental/etheric energies onto a "carrier wave" of sound vibration).

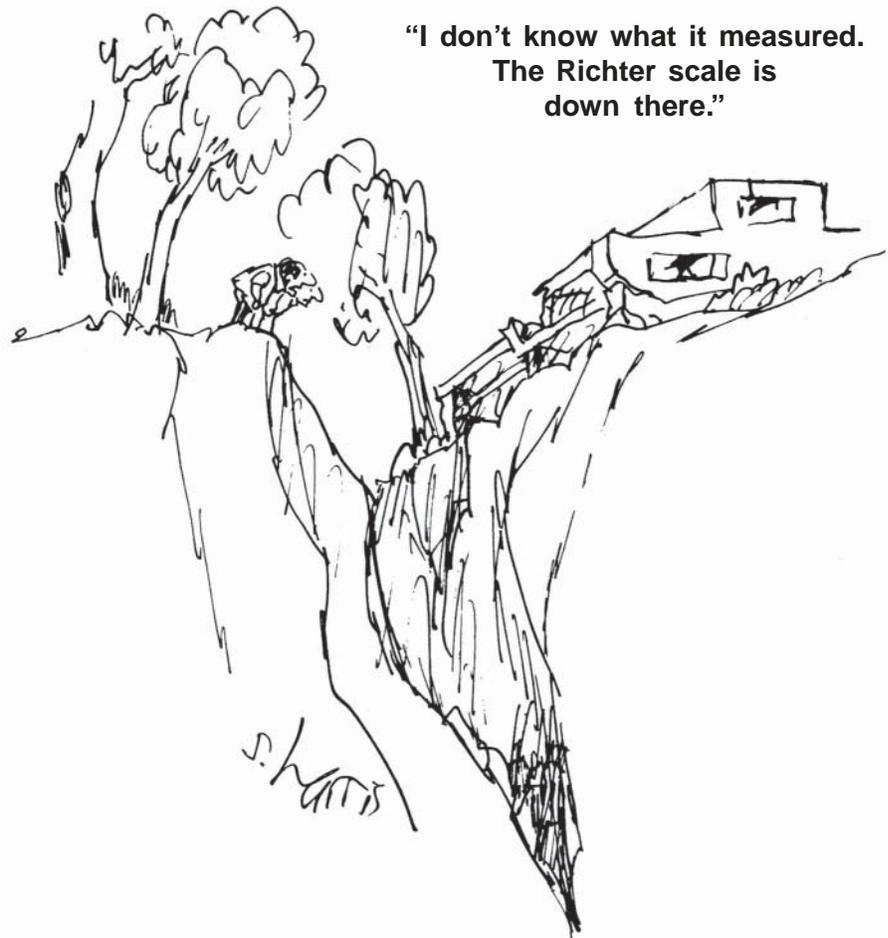
In other words, an "interdimensional" technique or technology was employed to reduce an area of massive stone walls (symbolically a confining, controlling structure) to rubble. And that second line of the song stanza will turn out to have a central bearing on our discussion—as we continue where we left off before pausing to describe the kind of musical communication that often "haunts" our

scribe. So let us continue.

Recently, this scribe was asked to provide some clarification to a series of emotionally charged intuitive visions that were being experienced by a friend. This friend—who we shall simply refer to as "Kay"—is a spiritual healer, author, Crop Circle investigator, and trance channel with strong Native American leadership roots. Her most challenging personal accomplishment (and subject of one of her powerful books) was the successful escape from (and ongoing healing from) an early life of entrapment within the hidden corridors of interdimensional ritual abuse by ones affiliated with your highest-level secret government, your so-called Illuminati.

These dark (of soul), contrary ones are always looking to identify and utilize the psychic (interdimensional) talents of ones so gifted as Kay, and it is always a matter of great rejoicing when a beautiful and compassionate soul such as this one breaks free from that hold of darkness. Substantial spiritual lessons are learned for all involved in the cycle of such experiences into enslavement and back to personal freedom.

Among other recurring emotional visions observed by this strong yet gentle soul, Kay said she would "see" a human



strapped in a chair-like apparatus that had a headpiece—a machine that looked like a cross between an “electric chair” for executions and a “hair drying” chair in a ladies’ beauty salon. Kay said she was given to understand that this apparatus was amplifying and broadcasting the thoughts of the one in the chair.

The location was vague, but seemed like it could be somewhere underground. She saw many such people strapped in such chairs. The scene was much the same as what several courageous authors have shared about secret operations like your Montauk Project.

The one placed in the chair is chosen for outstanding mental abilities—though kidnapped is a more accurate operational term. After being located and identified as a gifted candidate, the person is first

programmed, through a series of torturous experiences, to express intense emotions of fear. Once these frequencies of fear have been cultivated and fine-tuned to an exceptionally high level, then the person graduates to placement in the chair—where, together, they operate as a high-power “broadcasting station” sending pure fear into your planet’s etheric atmosphere.

This has long been a practical method utilized by ones associated with your secret government to counteract the upward movement of your planetary frequency. As we have many times explained, fear acts like a poison that depresses and “jangles” the frequency spectrum of the etheric energy atmosphere in which you are immersed and with which you interact continuously. The large-scale injection of pure fear into your planet’s

etheric atmosphere, from many such secret broadcasting sources, acts like a layer of dank fog to block an otherwise sunny day.

What Kay has been concluding from her recent visions—that prompted her to call our scribe for clarification—was actually a matter of great rejoicing. She related observing: (1) the falling apart into piles of rubble—like those walls of Jericho—of these etheric broadcasting stations as well as other interdimensional contraptions she thought to be part of the world control structure, (2) the release of anguished humans trapped in support capacities like the people in the chairs, and (3) the anger and desperation coming from dark ones associated with these kinds of etheric projects as they watch their equipment fall apart before their eyes—despite expending their best mental efforts to “hold” it all together—and thus realize that, in the Larger Picture, their remaining time of control over you ones is quite short. High tide is coming in!

Our scribe offered the opinion to Kay that what she was seeing was indeed quite real, and what was happening was as technically straightforward (though at an etheric level) as what happens to an overcast morning when the day’s strong sunlight gradually burns away (evaporates) the fog.

Another analogy shared was that of winter snowflake or ice crystals “collapsing” (melting) into liquid as the days grow warmer with movement into springtime. This analogy was especially satisfying to Kay since her visions showed the machines literally falling apart and disintegrating—a lot like the way sculptures in snow or ice do once the air temperature rises enough above freezing. What she saw disintegrating were the actual energy patterns which the dark beings utilize (in mental and etheric space) to literally construct such interdimensional machinery as the mind-amplifying chair-apparatus. (Some of you may be familiar with the way Tesla created and “tinkered with” his inventions in a similar way before producing a final product for use in your physical domain.)

Consider that such interdimensional machinery is formed, from a mental image, in the etheric equivalent of snow or ice. So long as the creation remains in “cold temperatures”, its solidity remains stable and it remains functioning.

But what happens if the “temperature” starts to rise faster than one can cool down the local atmosphere? Then the “molecular bonds” holding the etheric construct together begin to break and the machinery disintegrates—similar to what would happen in your physical domain if you took, say, a cell-phone from your pocket

MESSAGE FROM THE HOPI — PEOPLE OF PEACE

Editor's note: The following message is from the www.newconnexion.net website and warrants careful reading.

You have been telling people that this is the Eleventh Hour; now you must go back and tell them that this is The Hour.

And there are things to be considered:

Where are you living? What are you doing?

What are your relationships? Are you in right relation?

Where is your water? Know your garden.

It is time to speak your Truth. Create your community.

Be good to each other. And do not look outside yourself for the leader.

This could be a good time!

There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and so swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold onto the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart, and they will suffer greatly.

Know the river has its destination. The Elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open and our heads above water. See who is in there with you and celebrate.

At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally—least of all, ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves!

Banish the word “struggle” from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.

We are the ones we have been waiting for.

The Elders of the Hopi Nation
Oraibi, Arizona

and tossed it onto a fire.

Can you imagine the predicament this puts these dark energies in? Their vast structures of control are literally “melting” due to the influx of high-frequency energies showering your planet at this time! (Now consider the second line of that musical stanza: “And the walls come tumblin’ down.”)

Moreover, you can appreciate why these visions were so emotionally charged for Kay, for she had broken free from such diabolical entrapment and now frequently helps others do so, too. Such actions have been a matter of great elation for her to behold!

We wish to call such a seemingly strange matter as Kay’s visions to your attention because—as we mentioned earlier—though the majority of you are not directly attuned to the perception of such “housecleaning” activities going on in other-dimensional realities coupled with your own, you are nonetheless FEELING their effects in subtle ways. Walking you through an experience such as Kay’s may help you to better comprehend the vast extent of the Earth Transition Project in progress at this time that we call the Great Awakening and the Great Cleansing.

The sophisticated nature of the entrapment and control that has prevailed on your world for a long time extends well beyond that which is visible to physical eyes or can be understood in physical terms like handcuffs or jails. Your Founding Fathers were given to understand (more accurately: to remember, from past experiences) the nature of these invisible kinds of slavery which would arrive at your doorstep as the young United States grew. And it was this inner understanding upon which they drew in fashioning the powerful concepts that coalesced into the blueprint for a Nation of Freedom that is reflected in their Inspired documents like your *Declaration Of Independence*.

If these Divinely Guided Principles had been diligently adhered to, rather than allowed to slowly erode over time, you ones would not now be in such a condition of slavery as you must now surmount if you truly desire Freedom.

You see, your minds hold deep “patterns of slavery”, many of which originate from relentless etheric-to-physical “broadcasts” of the dark controllers, your spiritual testers. Thus, even though their “walls” are falling down (as Kay accurately perceives in her visions), in many of your minds those “walls” still remain real, as habitual patterns of limiting thought, and these thoughts effectively keep you corralled.

So, it is this longtime “conditioning”

that you must yet strive to overcome to achieve Freedom. Old patterns of thought energy are more responsible for keeping you enslaved at this time of the Great Awakening and Great Cleansing than are the seemingly “outside” forces you are inclined to point to as being at fault.

With that in mind, you could regard our message this month as a “scientific extension” of Germain’s message on Freedom last month in these pages.

Contemporary with the days when Nikola Tesla was upon your place (creating that which could have liberated you from many forms of imposed slavery), your renowned psychic Edgar Cayce often said “mind is the builder”. And nowhere is that axiom more important than in the building, in physical reality, of that which you call a State of Freedom.

As Germain explained last month, your Founding Fathers were striving to fashion easily applied ideals of Freedom that would “automatically” predispose the powers of your collective minds to not only repel the kinds of other-dimensional-based entrapments like we have discussed herein, but also build a strong etheric energy pattern (foundation) for the manifestation of true Freedom in your physical domain. In other words, powerful “alchemical” or higher-dimensional underpinnings govern the ideals your Founding Fathers fashioned into deceptively simple concepts to facilitate your ability to create a multidimensional atmosphere of Freedom.

But look how far those great ideals of Freedom have been allowed to erode since those tumultuous days of only a few hundred years ago! Look how far you have allowed such a precious, God-given birthright to deteriorate just since your contrived events of September 11, 2001!

Consider this, especially you more technically focused readers: Ones on your world are constantly asking us for help with the development of such liberating technologies as free-energy devices. But how would we of the Higher Realms be helping you by granting such requests when what we would actually be doing is helping to birth a “baby” into a largely lazy and uninformed culture wherein it will just as quickly be taken away from you as have so many other aspects of Freedom?

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN TESLA GIFTED YOU WITH JUST SUCH TECHNOLOGY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO?! WHERE IS IT NOW? WHY? WHAT DO YOU NEED TO FIX BEFORE BEING READY TO RECEIVE IT AGAIN?

You see, how can you

realistically expect to safeguard such technologies “for the people” when you’ve collectively allowed the thieves such complete reign within your house? Until you first “prepare the way”—through a fundamental housecleaning that repels the thieves—you can no more hold onto free-energy devices than you can to any other representations of a responsibly free society. We, especially Tesla, could say much more on this subject, and perhaps we will at a later time.

For now, we leave you with the thought that this message has been written in the early hours of the 33rd (for you students of Illuminati symbolism) anniversary of a tragic lesson for a “free” nation—a nation at that time far more blissfully ignorant than now about the extent to which you have lost your fundamental freedoms.

It was this day in 1970 when national guardsmen, called to Kent State University in Ohio to “control” a student Vietnam anti-war demonstration, opened fire, killing four students and wounding nine. As a moving assemblage of conscience turned to horror, a modern awakening began the hard way—an event which your Founding Fathers were all too familiar with.

Many of those who lost their lives in that so-called war are back again, participating with renewed vigor in the vast worldwide marches of awakening that you have witnessed in recent months concerning Iraq. And this time the groundswell of conscience energy, like Joshua’s group blowing their horns, is enough to make your Founding Fathers smile—as currents are set into motion which can amplify desires where “the walls come tumblin’ down”.

Yes, be aware that Mother Earth is herself taking action to shake down many kinds of walls. And as well are people of conscience coming together with one voice to bring down the walls that fence-in Freedom.

WHAT SONG STRIVES TO SING FREELY FROM THE DEPTHS OF YOUR SOUL? WHAT’S HOLDING YOU BACK?

We are Ceres Anthonious “Toniose” Soltec and Nikola Tesla, at the end of our present lesson on the “science” of Freedom. We leave you with the Light of KNOWING that the God-spark within each of us is Infinite, and therein resides the path to Freedom you seek. May you walk Thoughtfully upon that path. Salu. △

“The Earth is the Mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon Earth.”

— Chief Joseph, Nez Percé

For Iraqis—No Liberation, A New Colonial Oppression

“America’s war of ‘liberation’ is over. Iraq’s war of liberation from the Americans is about to begin.”

*Editor’s note: In last month’s SPECTRUM we shared a brilliantly insightful assessment by renowned investigative journalist and author Gordon Thomas titled: **When The War Is Over, The Real War Begins** that looked at a number of likely matters of retaliation in sharp contrast to the baloney being dished out to the public about “America the savior”.*

The following daring report is not only a confirmation of Gordon’s assessment, but also supplies first-hand observations which add an “ah ha!” for SPECTRUM readers looking for clues which support the far-out assertions of the front-page story for our March 2003 issue. But you have to read this thoughtful journalist’s tremendously UNDERSTATED report carefully because he knows just how far to go—without crossing over the censorship line—so that his story actually could get into print for you to read!

Pay special attention to both the systematic destruction and looting of historical artifacts AND to the well-organized nature of the curious arson gangs running around Baghdad. Do you think it’s a mere coincidence these happenings look just like those conducted by undercover Special Operations units of governmental alphabet agencies like the CIA? After all, you can get away with a lot of purposeful mischief amidst a contrived atmosphere of chaos!

The following story is from The Independent, based in London (www.independent.co.uk). If there is any bias to take into account, perhaps it’s the author’s oversight of British collusion in the United States’ shenanigans he so delicately alludes to. That noted, you really feel as if you’re walking through the rubble along with this reporter. It’s a first-

class first-person account—what journalism ought to be.

*In a sense, this report could have been woven into the parallel story in this issue of The SPECTRUM called **Looting Iraq Of Priceless “Weapons Of Mass Destruction”** but this story’s focus spans a wider field of view than is the subject matter of the other. Taken together, the bottom line clearly spells out the “war within a war” that was conducted right in front of a largely duped and mesmerized public.*

And let’s not overlook the hidden agenda that was so well expressed in the 4/10/03 Idaho Observer:

“Do the people of Iraq view the U.S. military as liberators or occupational forces?”

“The fact that the U.S. has close political ties to Israel is not in dispute; it is also no secret that the U.S. and Israel are close military allies.

“If it were not for U.S. military might backing the state of Israel, the Jewish state, surrounded on all sides by Moslems, would not have survived this long. Israelis and Arabs are mortal enemies.

“So, if the enemy of my enemy is my friend, then the friend of my enemy is also my enemy. No matter what propagandists in government say, it is impossible for the Iraqis to view U.S. military personnel as liberators because they are allied with their mortal Israeli enemies. After all, the Israelis have the most to gain from a war-torn, depopulated, and de-stabilized Arab world.”

And you’ll never hear this crucial perspective from the controlled media.

4/17/03 ROBERT FISK

It’s going wrong, faster than anyone

could have imagined. The army of “liberation” has already turned into the army of occupation. The Shias are threatening to fight the Americans, to create their own war of “liberation”.

At night on every one of the Shia Muslim barricades in Sadr City, there are 14 men with automatic rifles. Even the U.S. Marines in Baghdad are talking of the insults being flung at them. “Go away! Get out of my face!” an American soldier screamed at an Iraqi trying to push towards the wire surrounding an infantry unit in the capital yesterday. I watched the man’s face suffuse with rage. “God is Great! God is Great!” the Iraqi retorted.

“Fuck you!” said the soldier.

The Americans have now issued a “Message to the Citizens of Baghdad”, a document as colonial in spirit as it is insensitive in tone. “Please avoid leaving your homes during the night hours after evening prayers and before the call to morning prayers” it tells the people of the city. “During this time, terrorist forces associated with the former regime of Saddam Hussein, as well as various criminal elements, are known to move through the area.... Please do not leave your homes during this time. During all hours, please approach Coalition military positions with extreme caution....”

So now—with neither electricity nor running water—the millions of Iraqis here are ordered to stay in their homes from dusk to dawn. Lockdown. It’s a form of imprisonment. In their own country. Written by the command of the 1st U.S. Marine Division, it’s a curfew in all but name.

“If I was an Iraqi and I read that” an Arab woman shouted at me, “I would become a suicide bomber.” And all across Baghdad you hear the same thing, from Shia Muslim

clerics to Sunni businessmen, that the Americans have come only for oil, and that soon—very soon—a guerrilla resistance must start.

No doubt the Americans will claim that these attacks are “remnants” of Saddam’s regime or “criminal elements”. But that will not be the case.

Marine officers in Baghdad were holding talks yesterday with a Shia militant cleric from Najaf to avert an outbreak of fighting around the holy city. I met the prelate before the negotiations began, and he told me that “history is being repeated”. He was talking of the British invasion of Iraq in 1917, which ended in disaster for the British.

Everywhere are the signs of collapse. And everywhere the signs that America’s promises of “freedom” and “democracy” are not to be honoured.

Why, Iraqis are asking, did the United States allow the entire Iraqi cabinet to escape? And they’re right.

Not just the Beast of Baghdad and his two sons, Qusay and Uday, but the Vice-President, Taha Yassin Ramadan, the Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, Saddam’s personal adviser, Dr. A. K. Hashimi, the ministers of defence, health, the economy, trade, even Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf, the Minister of Information who, long ago, in the days before journalists cosied up to him, was the official who read out the list of executed “brothers” in the purge that followed Saddam’s revolution—relatives of prisoners would dose themselves on Valium before each Sahaf appearance.

Here’s what Baghdadis are noticing—and what Iraqis are noticing in all the main cities of the country.

Take the vast security apparatus with which Saddam surrounded himself, the torture chambers and the huge bureaucracy that was its foundation. President Bush promised that America was campaigning for human rights in Iraq—that the guilty, the war criminals, would be brought to trial.

The 60 secret police headquarters in Baghdad are empty, even the three-square-mile compound headquarters of the Iraqi Intelligence Service.

I have been to many of them. But there is no evidence even that a single British or U.S. forensic officer has visited the sites to sift the wealth of documents lying there or talk to the ex-prisoners returning to their former places of torment. Is this idleness. Or is this willful?

Take the Qasimiyeh security station beside the river Tigris. It’s a pleasant villa—once owned by an Iranian-born Iraqi who was deported to Iran in the 1980s. There’s a little lawn and shrubbery, and at

first you don’t notice the three big hooks in the ceiling of each room or the fact that big sheets of red paper, decorated with footballers, have been pasted over the windows to conceal the rooms from outsiders. But across the floors, in the garden, on the roof, are the files of this place of suffering. They show, for example, that the head of the torture centre was Hashem al-Tikrit, that his deputy was called Rashid al-Nababy.

Mohammed Aish Jassem, an ex-prisoner, showed me how he was suspended from the ceiling by Captain Amar al-Isawi, who believed Jassem was a member of the religious Dawa party. “They put my hands behind my back like this and tied them and then pulled me into the air by my tied wrists” he told me. “They used a little generator to lift me up, right up to the ceiling, then they’d release the rope in the hope of breaking my shoulder when I fell.”

The hooks in the ceiling are just in front of Captain Isawi’s desk. I understood what this meant. There wasn’t a separate torture chamber and office for documentation. The torture chamber was the office. While the man or woman shrieked in agony above him, Captain Isawi would sign papers, take telephone calls and—given the contents of his bin—smoke many cigarettes while he waited for the information he sought from his prisoners.

Were they monsters, these men? Yes. Are they sought by the Americans? No. Are they now working for the Americans? Yes, quite possibly; indeed, some of them may well be in the long line of ex-security thugs who queue every morning outside the Palestine Hotel in the hope of being re-hired by the U.S. Marines’ Civil Affairs Unit.

The names of the guards at the Qasimiyeh torture centre in Baghdad are in papers lying on the floor. They were Ahmed Hassan Alawi, Akil Shaheed, Noaman Abbas, and Moham-med Fayad. But the Americans haven’t bothered to find this out. So Messrs Alawi, Shaheed, Abbas, and Fayad are welcome to apply to work for them.

There are prisoner identification papers on the desks and in the cupboards. What happened to Wahid Mohamed, Majid Taha, Saddam Ali, or Lazim Hmoud?

A lady in a black chador approached the old torture centre. Four of her brothers had been taken there and, later, when she went to ask what happened, she was told all four had been executed. She was ordered to leave. She never saw or buried their bodies. Ex-prisoners told me that there is a mass grave in the Khedeer desert, but no one—least of all Baghdad’s new occupiers—are interested in finding it.

And the men who suffered under

Saddam? What did they have to say? “We committed no sin” one of them said to me, a 40-year-old whose prison duties had included the cleaning of the hangman’s trap of blood and faeces after each execution. “We are not guilty of anything. Why did they do this to us?”

“America, yes, it got rid of Saddam. But Iraq belongs to us. Our oil belongs to us. We will keep our nationality. It will stay Iraq. The Americans must go.”

If the Americans and the British want to understand the nature of the religious opposition here, they have only to consult the files of Saddam’s secret service archives. I found one, Report No. 7481, dated 24 February this year, on the conflict between Sheikh Mohammed al-Yacoubi and Mukhtada Sadr, the 22-year-old grandson of Mohammed Sadr, who was executed on Saddam’s orders more than two decades ago.

The dispute showed the passion and the determination with which the Shia religious leaders fight even each other. But of course, no one has bothered to read this material or even look for it.

At the end of the Second World War, German-speaking British and U.S. intelligence officers hoovered up every document in the thousands of Gestapo and Abwehr bureaux across western Germany. The Russians did the same in their zone. In Iraq, however, the British and Americans have simply ignored the evidence.

There’s an even more terrible place for the Americans to visit in Baghdad—the headquarters of the whole intelligence apparatus, a massive grey-painted block that was bombed by the U.S., and a series of villas and office buildings that are stashed with files, papers, and card indexes. It was here that Saddam’s special political prisoners were brought for vicious interrogation—electricity being an essential part of this—and it was here that Farzad Bazoft, the *Observer* correspondent, was brought for questioning before his dispatch to the hangman.

It’s also graced with delicately shaded laneways, a creche—for the families of the torturers—and a school in which one pupil had written an essay in English on (suitably perhaps) Beckett’s *Waiting For Godot*. There’s also a miniature hospital and a road named “Freedom Street” and flowerbeds and bougainvillea. It’s the creepiest place in all of Iraq.

I met—extraordinarily—an Iraqi nuclear scientist walking around the compound, a colleague of the former head of Iraqi nuclear physics, Dr. Sharistani. “This is the last place I ever wanted to see and I will never return to it” he said to me. “This was the place of greatest evil in all the world.”

The top security men in Saddam’s regime

were busy in the last hours, shredding millions of documents. I found a great pile of black plastic rubbish bags at the back of one villa, each stuffed with the shreds of thousands of papers. Shouldn't they be taken to Washington or London and reconstituted to learn their secrets?

Even the unshredded files contain a wealth of information. But again, the Americans have not bothered—or do not want—to search through these papers. If they did, they would find the names of dozens of senior intelligence men, many of them identified in congratulatory letters they insisted on sending each other every time they were promoted.

Where now, for example, is Colonel Abdulaziz Saadi, Captain Abdulsalam Salawi, Captain Saad Ahmed al-Ayash, Colonel Saad Mohammed, Captain Majid Ahmed, and scores of others? We may never know. **Or perhaps we are not supposed to know.**

Iraqis are right to ask why the Americans don't search for this information, just as they are right to demand to know why the entire Saddam cabinet—every man jack of them—got away. The capture by the Americans of Saddam's half-brother and the ageing Palestinian gunman Abu Abbas, whose last violent act was 18 years ago, is pathetic compensation for this.

Now here's another question the Iraqis are asking—and to which I cannot provide an answer. On 8 April, three weeks into the invasion, the Americans dropped four 2,000-pound bombs on the Baghdad residential area of Mansur.

They claimed they thought Saddam was hiding there. They knew they would kill civilians because it was not, as one Centcom mandarin said, a "risk free venture" (sic). So they dropped their bombs and killed 14 civilians in Mansur, most of them members of a Christian family.

The Americans said they couldn't be sure they had killed Saddam until they could carry out forensic tests at the site. But this turns out to have been a lie. I went there two days ago. Not a single U.S. or British official had bothered to visit the bomb craters. Indeed, when I arrived, there was a putrefying smell and families pulled the remains of a baby from the rubble.

No American officers have apologised for this appalling killing. And I can promise them that the baby I saw being placed under a sheet of black plastic was very definitely not Saddam Hussein. Had they bothered to look at this place—as they claimed they would—they would at least have found the baby. Now the craters are a place of pilgrimage for the people of Baghdad.

Then there's the fires that have

consumed every one of the city's ministries—save, of course, for the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Oil—as well as UN offices, embassies, and shopping malls. I have counted a total of 35 ministries now gutted by fire, and the number goes on rising.

Yesterday I found myself at the Ministry of Oil, assiduously guarded by U.S. troops, some of whom were holding clothes over their mouths because of the clouds of smoke swirling down on them from the neighbouring Ministry of Agricultural Irrigation. Hard to believe, isn't it, that they were unaware that someone was setting fire to the next building?

Then I spotted another fire, three kilometres away. I drove to the scene to find flames curling out of all the windows of the Ministry of Higher Education's Department of Computer Science. And right next to it, perched on a wall, was a U.S. Marine, who said he was guarding a neighbouring hospital and didn't know who had lit the next-door fire because "you can't look everywhere at once".

Now I'm sure the Marine was not being facetious or dishonest. Should the Americans not believe this story, he was Corporal Ted Nyholm of the 3rd Regiment, 4th Marines and, yes, I called his fiancée, Jessica, in the States for him to pass on his love. But something is terribly wrong when U.S. soldiers are ordered simply to watch vast ministries being burnt by mobs and do nothing about it.

Because there is also something dangerous—and deeply disturbing—about the crowds setting light to the buildings of Baghdad, including the great libraries and state archives. For they are not looters.

The looters come first. The arsonists turn up later, often in blue-and-white buses. I followed one after its passengers had set the Ministry of Trade on fire, and it sped out of town.

The official U.S. line on all this is that the looting is revenge—an explanation that is growing very thin—and that the fires are started by "remnants of Saddam's regime", the same "criminal elements", no doubt, who feature in the Marines' curfew orders.

But people in Baghdad don't believe Saddam's former supporters are starting these fires. And neither do I.

The looters make money from their rampages, but the arsonists have to be paid. The passengers in those buses are clearly being directed to their targets. If Saddam had pre-paid them, they wouldn't start the fires. The moment he disappeared, they would have pocketed the money and forgotten the whole project.

So who are they, this army of arsonists?

I recognised one the other day, a middle-aged, unshaven man in a red T-shirt, and the second time he saw me he pointed a Kalashnikov at me.

What was he frightened of? Who was he working for? In whose interest is it to destroy the entire physical infrastructure of the state, with its cultural heritage? Why didn't the Americans stop this?

As I said, something is going terribly wrong in Baghdad and something is going on which demands that serious questions be asked of the United States government. Why, for example, did Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defence, claim last week that there was no widespread looting or destruction in Baghdad? His statement was a lie. But why did he make it?

The Americans say they don't have enough troops to control the fires. This is also untrue. If they don't, what are the hundreds of soldiers deployed in the gardens of the old Iran-Iraq war memorial doing all day? Or the hundreds camped in the rose gardens of the Presidential Palace?

So the people of Baghdad are asking who is behind the destruction of their cultural heritage: the looting of the archaeological treasures from the national museum; the burning of the entire Ottoman, Royal, and State archives; the Koranic library; and the vast infrastructure of the nation we claim we are going to create for them.

Why, they ask, do they still have no electricity and no water? In whose interest is it for Iraq to be deconstructed, divided, burnt, de-historied, destroyed? Why are they issued with orders for a curfew by their so-called liberators?

And it's not just the people of Baghdad, but the Shias of the city of Najaf and of Nasiriyah—where 20,000 protested at America's first attempt to put together a puppet government on Wednesday—who are asking these questions. Now there is looting in Mosul, where thousands reportedly set fire to the pro-American governor's car after he promised U.S. help in restoring electricity.

It's easy for a reporter to predict doom, especially after a brutal war that lacked all international legitimacy. But catastrophe usually waits for optimists in the Middle East, especially for false optimists who invade oil-rich nations with ideological excuses and high-flown moral claims and accusations, such as weapons of mass destruction, which are still unproved.

So I'll make an awful prediction: That America's war of "liberation" is over. Iraq's war of liberation from the Americans is about to begin. In other words, the real and frightening story starts now. △

What If Al Martin Were A Regular On National Radio?

Editor's note: Can you imagine what kind of a shockwave would ripple out over the airwaves to the numbed and dumbed public if an articulate, non-nonsense truthbringer like Al Martin replaced motor-mouthed morons like Bill O'Reilly and Rush Limbaugh?

For SPECTRUM readers, it would be a breath of fresh air. The "only" problem would be the same one we here at The SPECTRUM often joke would be the case if a person who works at one of the local secret underground facilities were to bravely stand on a street corner and simply tell what they do at their job all day: no one would believe them! And for sure someone would come along and lock them up in a straight-jacket.

So considering the level of mental conditioning ruling the kind of person who is attracted to be part of the large listening audience of a Rush or a Bill, the sorry fact of the matter is that truthbringers like Al would come across as a nut case—just like the guy on the street corner.

This is as gravely serious at the heart of the matter, as it is humorous on the surface. The United States appears to be going down the drain as a result of what prevails in the "thinking" of the empty-headed flag-waving majority. And it's that sobering theme which recurs as a message of great consequence throughout Al's columns here.

For those newer readers who may not be familiar with this crusader, according to his own biographical statement (at his AlMartinRaw.com Internet website), Al is America's foremost whistleblower on government fraud and corruption. A retired U.S. Navy Lt. Commander and former officer in the Office of Naval Intelligence, he has testified before Congress (the Kerry Committee and the Alexander Committee) regarding Iran-Contra. Al Martin is the author of the revealing and witty exposé titled The Conspirators: Secrets Of An Iran-Contra Insider (© 2001, National Liberty Press; order from Wisdom Books & Press; see information nearby).

AL MARTIN

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Is Bill O'Reilly Guilty Of Promoting Sediton?

(3/24/03)

Now Fox News has Bill O'Reilly—Bush's Wannabe Reichsminister of Propaganda—on all day. This guy has gotten so far out there, the way he treats people, it's beyond arrogance.

There were a couple of liberal professors on the other day and he absolutely destroyed them—despite the fact that they were citing legal arguments. And then one of the professors asked: "When has the Bush Administration really cared about the law?" And O'Reilly got really pissed off; he cut him off immediately and said "Goodbye Professor" and that was it—even before the interview was over.

O'Reilly admitted that he gets a lot of email (as you can imagine) asking him about his own politics and now he uses the old Bill Bachelor quote saying that he's "somewhere to the right of Attila the Hun".

But the pandering that this guy does—O'Reilly really does the nation a disservice by pandering to the quintessentially American sense of fear and ignorance, which is what his whole schtick is based on.

I'd love to get on the show with this guy. I'd show who could tear who down.

Every single guest he has on now is someone who is opposed to the Bush Regime, and the reason it's done is so he can tear them down. He tries to talk over them. He says that we shouldn't care about the *Bill Of Rights* or the *Constitution* in times like these.

Interestingly enough, when they were showing pictures of demonstrators outside the White House, he was applauding the actions of the police. He said the police are obviously not going to tolerate this any more, and the police beat the crap out of them with billy clubs and stun guns and sting darts. The police

encircled the whole group, then went in unison with billy clubs and so on.

But these poor people must have thought the sky was falling down. They're completely surrounded by police, and then on cue the head cop blows the whistle and out come the billy clubs, Valium gas, spinning nets, and electronic darts. These people must have thought that the world was coming to an end.

O'Reilly is no longer saying that protesters should be charged with sediton; now he's saying they should be charged with treason. He's saying that anti-war protesters or anyone who disagrees with the Bush Administration constitutes a direct threat to the security in the United States in that they drag down or commit law enforcement resources, which should be committed to defending the nation from terrorism.

And of course I thought to myself: What charter states that law enforcement is charged with defending the nation from terrorism?

O'Reilly acts as if *Posse Comitatus* has already been overturned. Maybe it has already—in his mind.

But when you read the statute he was referring to (and I've read it): Statute 792-794 *U.S. Title Code XVIII*, otherwise known as the *Sediton And Treason Acts*, if you read about the actual "treason" which is defined in 793 and 794 as being a citizen of the United States who unlawfully acts to aid and abet the enemy or to give the enemy information and/or material support that is of use to said enemy in threatening the security of the United States, they call it a "hostile combatant" or more interestingly enough the statute actually says "probable" hostile combatant. That's the key difference and the reason why a lot of people can't be charged with treason, because of that "probable". Who defines "probable"? That's beyond the court's purview because the government defines what is probable and what isn't.

To the same extent, all of the NFWCs (pronounced "niffwacks"), the Naïve

Flag-Waving Crowd, represent the same threat to the security of the United States—if not even moreso—than do anti-war or anti-Bushonian protesters.

In other words, all of the NFWCs, the right-wing nuts, and the fearful and ignorant, who have bought American flags made in China (now that China has publicly announced what it is using the profits for: to build thermonuclear missiles that are aimed at the United States) also threaten the security of the United States. Those people who buy American flags made in China are in fact under the Statute, Section C, 793. They are giving direct material support to an enemy (or probable enemy) of the United States.

If I went on the Bill O'Reilly Show, I would say that if you want to charge, not only anti-war protesters, but any who publicly express any disagreement with the Bushonian agenda with treason, then every naïve flag-waver in this country who is out there with their beer bellies waving around the American flag, who have written on those flags "Let's bomb Iraq back to the Stone Age" should also be charged with treason—and actually they are in more direct violation of Statute 793-794 than are the war protesters, insofar as the flag-wavers are giving direct material support to a nation that has already publicly stated that it is using their profits to build Weapons of Mass Destruction with long-range delivery systems and are further targeting those systems at American cities.

Therefore, all the naïve flag-wavers should be put in CILFs (Civilian Inmate Labor Facilities). Even O'Reilly is using this term CILF, which is tantamount to admission that they exist. (See my book *The Conspirators: Secrets Of An Iran-Contra Insider* for more details.) And all the anti-war protesters should be made the guards.

But you can make the same analogy about the Naïve Flag-Wavers that you can about the anti-war protesters—and even moreso. War protesters are not contributing to the direct material support of an enemy or a would-be enemy of the United States, whereas the Flag-Wavers who bought American flags made in China are. **And 83% of all American flags sold in the United States are made in China.** Even that statistic is slightly skewed, since the 17% of American flags made and sold in the United States are mostly made by Whitaker Corporation of South Carolina, and they are generally specialty flags. In other words, they manufacture very large American flags for the military and custom-made

American flags for various governmental purposes—like flags used on yachts and ships. In other words, you don't find American flags made in America for sale in Wal Mart and K Mart—because they are simply too expensive.

You could actually make a collateral argument that O'Reilly himself is in violation of the very same state security policies that he thinks fit others (those who protest or are against the Bush Administration) insofar as he is a person of public prominence who is using his platform to encourage fear, ignorance, narrow-mindedness, naïveté, prejudice, and bigotry.

O'Reilly is as much of a threat to the security of the state by promoting fear and ignorance, as is any liberal commentator with the same outlet who favors a peace or anti-war agenda.

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In other news, the nation's alert status was raised back to orange. Secretary Ridge reminded everyone to go out and buy more duct tape and plastic sheeting and cans of Spam. People are mobbing the shopping malls to buy batteries and food.

Operation Liberty Shield is an effort (to use Reichsfuhrer Ashcroft's own words) to "lock down the United States" and secure the United States from "terrorist" threat. That's prison terminology, by the way. The police and the National Guard have now secured all "sensitive facilities".

Major intersections and arteries will be blocked and spot checks will occur, so have your identification prepared. All citizens are ordered to obey any public officials, be they local, county, state, or federal. Refusal to obey will result in immediate arrest. That's what he said.

This is unprecedented. And the authority? He's just taking it. It's a new era. The people just don't care. Ashcroft said that this is just a precursor. He said that he expects the security risk will be raised to red.

It should really be called Operation Liberty Strip. It's stripping the American people of any remaining liberty.

And the people are scared. They're interviewing people in the street and they're not frightened of a "terrorist" attack. They're scared that the Bush Administration has just gone wild with this stuff. But there's nothing they can do about it.

They were showing pictures of Manhattan, and there are pictures of army vehicles on Wall Street and Hanover

street. That's to protect "sensitive buildings and areas". It reminds you of that movie *The Siege*. There are roadblocks up in front of the stock exchange. And I guess he's right. They're going to "lock down" the country and there's nothing the American people can do about it.

[Editor's note: Of course there's something that can be done about it, but not with most people numbed with Prozac or preoccupied with maintaining a paycheck. And that is exactly what the crooks in high secret places are counting on—not enough Americans willing to pressure their duly elected representatives to carry out their sworn job to uphold the Constitution.]

They also said that, because of the demands placed on the National Guard and reserve units in Iraq, they are beginning to run short of military troops to station domestically. They only earmarked 100,000 National Guard and reservists who are left here for domestic security, and the Office of Homeland Security may start to recall retired military people.

They won't recall them to active duty because then they would have to pay them a regular wage, but they might invoke some paramilitary authority (and this I find particularly dangerous because of their mindset). This would take place pursuant to the power granted the White House under the emergency extension of the *Law Enforcement And Military Powers Act*.

This hasn't been done in recent history, either. The Republicans, who had controlled Congress during the Second World War, had pressured Roosevelt to recall retired military people. But Roosevelt wouldn't do it. He saw it as a direct threat. He thought that putting guns into the hands of gung-ho people like that was dangerous.

Roosevelt was also concerned about the idea of rearming World War I veterans and paramilitarising them insofar as the government had lied to them about their so-called "bonuses". There were the 1932 riots in Washington which were called the "Veterans' Riots". They were never paid their military service bonuses from the First World War, which they were promised. Then there was the Great Veterans March of 1932, when the Great Depression really began to hit. Roosevelt wouldn't pay it to them, and told them they didn't have the money. He then ordered the standing army at the time to use force against them, and a bunch of them were shot.

CNN actually showed a piece on the growing number of American citizens

who are leaving the United States because they don't want to have to deal with state security laws. They think it's coming and this country is going to be a dictatorship. They interviewed people who are going to western Canada and south of the border like Costa Rica and Guatemala. It's surprising the numbers now. It's not just isolated conspiracy theorists who are going. These are people who are generally concerned. The numbers are pretty substantial—between 13,000 and 15,000 a month. This is something that the Bush Administration doesn't want publicized—the number of American citizens fearful that the Bushonian Regime is turning the country into a dictatorship.

Then the Department of Justice (and this is real strange in an Administration that was always pro-tobacco) and Deputy Reichsfuhrer Ashcroft said that the Department of Justice is seeking \$289 BILLION from U.S. tobacco companies, which constitutes their entire accumulated profits from the past 50 years. They will be prosecuted because they have illegally marketed cigarettes.

Ashcroft admitted that which everybody already knew—that this will be the first step in a series of steps to make tobacco products illegal in the United States.

What he's not saying, of course, is that the states specifically levy taxes against cigarettes. The tobacco companies are going to say: "Where were you, the Department of Justice, 50 years ago, when you were encouraging us to sell cigarettes?"

People in this country forget that, after the Second World War and during the 1950s, the federal government did everything it could to increase the sales of tobacco to garner the tax revenue. They did everything to encourage production and export of tobacco and increasing smoking in the United States because of the enormous tax revenue that came with it. Shutting down tobacco, as was pointed out on CNBC, would deprive the country of \$100 billion a year in federal, state, and local taxes. Ashcroft said that the states would receive no compensation for loss of tobacco tax revenue.

And then there's Oliver North's new "mission". Not only is he working as a paid consultant—war correspondent for Fox News—but he's going in with U.S. forces into Iraq. He is also covertly working for his former boss and fellow Iran-Contra felon, Vice Admiral John Poindexter, now chairman of the Office of Information Awareness and Exploitation.



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For example, at a meeting with General Richard V. Secord, Martin was briefed about Iran-Contra operations and allowed to view voluminous CIA

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North is heading up an army group, which is operating under the auspices of the Office of Information Awareness, whose job it is to secure any and all Iraqi documents which are seized. His orders are to make sure that NO documents return to Washington that can implicate the Bushs in any illicit covert nastiness vis-à-vis the Hussein regime.

He will be the on-site Document Cover-up Meister and they have a nine-man document-shredding contingent. They have U.S. Army-issued Canon document shredders, which are painted in camouflage colors. Oliver North also has, in his pocket, his trusty Ron Popeil battery-operated pocket paper-shredder, which he endorses.

However, Oliver North is not, repeat not, bringing a cake for Saddam Hussein—as he did in the past for the Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran during the "October Surprise" Hostage Caper. And he is not bringing a Bible either. All he's got is his trusty battery-operated pocket paper-shredder. No cake. No keys. And no Bible.

North told the gal from Fox News: "I'm here in an undisclosed location with my trusty shredder at the ready."

Oliver North is still the Bushonian Cabal's Man in the Field—even after all these years.

Paul Simon can update his song: "Still shredding, after all these years."

**Clueless In Iraq;
FUBAR Strikes Again**
(3/31/03)

Like the Roman Imperial legions, American troops in Iraq have met stiff and unexpected resistance to their invasion. Meanwhile the American plebes, surfeited by junk food, false "reality" shows, and mind-numbing

sitcoms (this era's version of bread and circuses) watch the Pentagon as it spins for the ProGovNet (Pro-Government Network) media—oblivious to the carnage and destruction of the Bush Cabal's War on Iraq.

It was reported on CNN by an unnamed U.S. general (he didn't want his name used) that the Iraqis have the entire allied forces completely befuddled, confused, and tied-up in knots. In other words, they really don't know what they're doing. The latest pronouncement of our military's incompetence was how they made a big deal about the Iraqi 51st Infantry Division's surrender en masse. It turns out that they didn't.

What happened was that the commanding general of the Iraqi 51st Infantry Division surrendered to U.S. forces and said that he had arranged for the surrender of the division. Instead of waiting to confirm anything, the White House was so anxious to show that they're doing something, that they immediately put that out. It was a big deal and the press talked about it. Then they found the "actual" commanding general of the Iraqi 51st Infantry Division was commanding Iraqi forces outside of Basra. As it turns out, the guy who surrendered was his double. And they didn't know it.

This was reported on CNN, and no arrangements had been made for surrender. The division was engaging the U.S. forces, as we speak.

Since they believed it, it screwed up their war plans, since they had assumed that this 10,000-man division was out of the war. But they didn't bother to check. They just assumed that they would put up a surrender flag on the battle map and that's it.

Then, all of a sudden, the American forces get surprised when they encounter the very same 51st Infantry Division

north of Basra. They were so confused they didn't even know who they were engaging. The field commanders had been told that the 51st Infantry has surrendered—so it couldn't be them. So they couldn't even figure out who the hell they were fighting.

Talk about screw-ups. This unnamed brigadier general they kept quoting on CNN said that we don't have the slightest idea what we're doing. Frankly, he said, all these Arabs look the same to us and we can't even pronounce any of their names. He also said that the CIA didn't provide us with any real intelligence. They provide us pictures of Iraqi generals who turn out to be carpet salesmen. The CIA doesn't have a clue.

When we went into Iraq, it was only after a number of hours that "an unnamed senior Iraqi official" (I assume it was Tariq Aziz) started to negotiate through the Saudis a surrender of the Iraqi government. The minute that happened, the United States changed the entire order of battle. They began to disburse the forces into small units to take all the small towns and clean up the ports and take the airfields in the south, but they stopped pushing toward Baghdad. Instead, they kept lobbing-in Cruise missiles every 6 or 7 hours in an effort, they thought, of maintaining the pressure for the surrender talks.

But it was all just a ruse—to keep the Americans bogged down in place where they were and to allow the Iraqis time to disburse some of their larger divisions into company-size units. Now, on CNN, General Franks was talking about "stiff resistance" and "grand battles are ensuing". You'd think it was a hundred divisions of guys fighting another hundred divisions.

In fact, the real story is, thus far in the

campaign 100 miles into Iraq, our forces had not engaged Iraqi forces in anything larger than company size. This is very deceptive. They're making it sound like they're engaging these entire divisions in these grand battles, but they're actually engaging tiny elements of these divisions that have been disbursed.

The Iraqi strategy of allowing the unreliable conscripts, regular army conscripts, in the front line, in company-size units, and then inter-disburse them with loyal Republican troops (the people who know what they're doing) and are actually going to fight, has proved to be a tremendous strategy for the Iraqis.

The British Minister of Defense admitted that these surrenders and the patterns of these surrenders (companies at a time, in widely disbursed locations) is forcing the allies to send vehicles to areas where they hadn't intended and transporting these prisoners to the rear lines, which is choking up their regular supply lines. They've had to build prisoner-of-war facilities which they hadn't intended on building.

Even the U.S. Air Force has complained that they couldn't land their cargo aircraft carrying munitions that our forces needed at certain air bases we've already captured in Iraq, because they had the airfields all clogged up with Iraqi prisoners.

Thus far the whole war is a joke.

BBC has been airing these reports all the time. You won't find it on CNN, but you will find it on BBC. They showed one American company of the 3rd Infantry Division, which has been bogged down by 2 squads of Iraqi conscripts, who are apparently loyal to Saddam. This has been a problem and they can't dislodge them. They run from hut to hut, and to further confuse the

Americans, they put their uniforms on, then when they run from hut to hut they put on civilian dress. And our troops have been told not to fire at Iraqi civilians, so they know that Iraqi army people are moving around in civilian dress, but they're frightened to shoot them because there are news cameras everywhere. What happens if they really are civilians?

This captain

commanding the 3rd Infantry was complaining about it. He said that CNN and MSNBC have their cameras everywhere. They have their cameras behind every machine gun emplacement and every mortar emplacement.

BBC showed this company from the 3rd Infantry division. There was a U.S. Army four-man machine gun emplacement on top of a sand hill. About a hundred yards away is another sand hill with Iraqis on top of it. The 4 U.S. Army guys are lounging around in their foxhole, smoking cigarettes and drinking coffee, and then the sergeant comes over and slaps one on the helmet and says: "Wake up, wake up, the cameras are rolling. Fire off a few bursts." And the soldiers don't know what they're doing, so they try to wake up, and one guy rolls over and puts his hand on the trigger and fires off a few bursts for the camera—to make it look like they're doing something. Then the Iraqis fire a few bursts back. They keep shooting at each other, but nothing happens. Then, when the Iraqis see the BBC cameras, they stand up and fire their guns in the air. They're just jumping up and down, as if they're saying: "We're still here. We're still here."

BBC also showed a clip of an American missile detail. There was a two-story adobe building with Iraqis firing out of it through windows, which were actually just holes, no windows. So they fired a missile and it completely missed the building. And the sergeant said: "This is a laser-guided weapon. The building is only 50 yards away, so how in the hell could you possibly miss?" And the guy says: "Oh, it's something wrong with the weapons system." Of course, knowing that it's a U.S. weapons system, who knows? The first missile goes over the roof of the building. The second one hits it and actually blows about half of it up. And the Iraqis on the other side of the building are still firing.

Then they shoot another missile and blow the other half of the building up, and all the Iraqis run out the back, dressed in civilian clothing, into a small adobe building next to it, and start firing again.

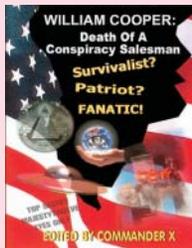
And the general says that the U.S. Army was actually glad when al-Jazeera TV gave us a copy of the film showing the U.S. American prisoners of war the Iraqis captured. We knew we had people missing, he said, but we frankly had no idea where they were. And he's going down this list. He says we have 6 guys missing here, and 9 guys in this company

William Cooper: Death Of A Conspiracy Salesman

On November 5, 2001, William Cooper was shot to death by sheriff's deputies in a gunfire exchange. Who was Bill Cooper? Was he a true patriot? A tough survivalist? Or simply a fanatic?

Some knew him as a UFO "expert" (claimed insider information on government knowledge of extraterrestrials living among us)...a conspiracy theorist...a former Navy Intelligence operative...and the person the President once called "the most dangerous man on American airwaves". Cooper always said he acted from his "conscience" and sought to warn all Americans of the dangers of the New World Order, creeping socialism, and our own brand of Nazism. Here is the inside story, as told by a fellow patriot and government whistle-blower. Commander X has collected together for the first time Cooper's thoughts and finds on such subjects as: The Illuminati • The Kennedy Assassination • MJ-12 and the UFO Cover-Up • Area 51 • The AntiChrist • The World Trade Center Disaster • Gun Control • Skull and Bones Society.

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and 12 guys over here missing. He said we don't have any idea where all these missing people are.

You look at what CNN carries, and what BBC carries, and it's a different story. They did admit on CNN that they had captured the wrong "general"—who wasn't even a general. They don't know how many Iraqi prisoners they have. They kept saying we have 2200 Iraqi prisoners, and then CNN comes out and says: well we actually don't know how many Iraqi prisoners we have—because some of them just wander off during transportation.

They said that "elite elements" of the 3rd Infantry division are transporting Iraqi prisoners. What happened is that, after they were captured, the Iraqis had people dressed up as goat herders or camel jockeys who turn all the road signs around behind them. As they're driving the prisoners back, they get lost, and end up in the middle of nowhere.

They showed a sergeant trying to read the road signs. They're in Arabic script, then in syllabic English like: El Kababba Wabba Rabba. And the corporal has the map and he says: "Oh, we're in El Kababba Wabba Rabba."

This war coverage is great entertainment.

But these guys in the Bush Cabal don't care. The first thing Cheney said he wanted to see accomplished was to stop a current GAO audit of Department of Defense expenditures in the Redstone Arsenal and Central Missile Command Base in Huntsville Alabama. (See previous columns on the Redstone Arsenal.)

The GAO has had an ongoing investigation into corruption and fraud. The second thing he wanted to get done is large tax cuts for the wealthy. They just come out and say it. And then there's George Bush's "Shock and Awe" war strategy in Iraq—not to be confused with the usual "Shuck and Jive".

The only lasting "Shock and Awe" that's going to be felt is the shock and awe felt in the wallets of the American taxpayer.

Meanwhile Tony Blair is pleading with Bush to please find some chemical weapons in Iraq because he needs the political cover. Since they haven't found any yet, Blair went so far as to say that if you don't find any there, just plant some and find them later. He said it's nothing you Bushs haven't done in the past.

The Department of Commerce has made a new estimate and it's carefully scripted every week for Republican-controlled mainstream media. There will be more money made with the new

French and Russian bashing, and soon-to-be German bashing (because they voted against the resolution as well). Not only are 83% of the American flags made in China, but 90% of all foreign flags sold in the United States are made in China.

The People's Republic of China will be able to garner sufficient revenue through the new French, Russian, and soon-to-be German bashing, on the recommendation of O'Reilly et al, that Americans should buy these flags to burn or otherwise desecrate them.

Then the Beijing government will earn enough money from this secondary windfall in export revenue, so the Chinese Army will be able to build another four additional ICBMs armed with multiple 170-kiloton thermonuclear warheads (the designs of which the Bush Administration allowed the Chinese Government to get their mitts on) to aim at more U.S. cities.

The war coverage is giving the sitcoms a run for the money now. There have to be other people besides me who see all this for what it is. They're sitting there in front of their television sets watching CNN and MSNBC war coverage and laughing about it.

Perhaps this whole thing was designed to be a tawdry sordid mess as an entertainment vehicle.

Fox News said that this war coverage has allowed them to increase advertising fees, so it's commercially profitable for them. By being part of the Great Bushonian Lie Campaign and the Lie Script, as I call it, they appeal to everyone. They appeal to the 80% of the people who are stupid and don't know the difference, who have their eyes glued to see What Happens Next in the War Against Iraq, sitting on their couches, drinking Budweiser, and waving an American Flag Made in China. These are the Americans who have been hijacked by fear and ignorance.

This also appeals to the 20% of the people like me, who understand things for what they are and think it's comical. So they're covering all the bases.

Remember: It's the Bush Administration Lie Machine—Covering All the Bases.



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After all, the Bushs are not stupid. They're running the country. Unlike the rest of us, they're running it into the ground.

People should not be surprised, however, that the support for the war is diminishing. The White House announced that Bush will be giving a major speech every single day—but of course it will be for a Preaching to the Choir Crowd. Remember: the Administration led people to believe that the Iraqis were going to surrender last week.

This is, however, typical incompetence of our own armed forces. We should be in Baghdad already, and the reason we're not is because the Iraqis have been able to run rings around us. They keep playing this game. Tariq Aziz pretends to negotiate a surrender, which changes the whole American order of battle as they had envisioned it. That's when they came up with this idea of sending in Cruise missiles every 5 or 6 hours.

They used up 3000 Cruise missiles. They've launched 12 B-52 strikes against the same seven buildings. Over 400 individual sorties against the same seven buildings. Do you think they're destroyed yet?

But that was just a ruse to buy time for the Iraqis. The problem is that we don't know where the Iraqi forces are. We don't know the disposition of those forces. We don't know the capabilities they still have.

The problem is, we don't have enough mobile armor on the ground because the Bush Administration is trying to save money by relying so much on air power. Mobile armor is expensive to transport. It's expensive to maintain in the field, and it's expensive to move in the field. And that's what you need to claim territory and hold it.

Meanwhile, the Bush Administration, by its own admission, says that we are

using air power to fill-in the gaps, but the weather is not cooperating. The secondary problem, and the reason the Afghani campaign is still ongoing, is that we have troops which have been captured and we don't know where they are.

We can't maintain our table of organization. Our helicopters continuously crash. We have units that are misdirected by the enemy to the middle of nowhere. Our global positioning units don't work—and it has nothing to do with Russian jamming devices. The Russian jamming devices didn't work, but that was last week. This week they work, so we don't have to admit that most of the GPU units we give to our troops don't work.

It is the same old problem of having multi-billion-dollar weapons systems that don't work, having troops which are ill-trained in the use of items that don't work, and losing assets, particularly helicopter gunships, through incessant crashes—all due to design flaws or faulty spare parts.

Then, if you throw into it the fact that we don't even know where the enemy is—this is what takes the campaign so long.

Then Rumsfeld comes on the television saying there's a column of Iraqi troops coming to engage them. It has a thousand armored vehicles in it. And we didn't notice it till a half an hour ago.

We have underestimated Iraq's paramilitary forces, which are not under the control of the regular Iraqi army but are under control of the Ba'ath party. These groups have infiltrated every single city in Iraq. They've cut communications and turned around road signs.

We're all screwed up, due to our own incompetence and due to the fact that we didn't have any intelligence. This is the same thing that happened in Afghanistan. They don't even have any current maps. And they haven't been able to find any bombed out BP gas stations to get road maps. (See awhile ago column "Clueless in Afghanistan".)

Rumsfeld admitted that they don't even know the location of fully a quarter of the 3rd Armored Mechanized division. You talk about clueless.

The Bush Administration has allowed the media unprecedented access to the point that 298th Mechanized Infantry company had a camera in every machine gun emplacement. The Bush Administration wants to show "our brave troops" engaging Iraqi forces. The only thing it showed was a bunch of Iraqis on

a sand dune a hundred yards away firing back at us while we fired at them.

And our guys didn't have food and rations because their supply lines were all clogged up with Iraqi prisoners. We send-in a hundred trucks with food, and they get lost in the middle of the desert because the Iraqis have turned the road signs around. You talk about FUBAR.

So now it costs the American taxpayers \$2 billion a day to have 250,000 of our troops bogged down in Iraq. It would be one thing if they were bogged down by enemy fire. But it's FUBAR all over again. They don't know where they are. They don't know where the enemy is. They can't get supplies.

And then there's the sand—a fine powdery sand that's like grit. They fire off a single round from a 155-mm artillery battery, and after every round the whole gun has to be cleaned. They've shown our guys just endlessly cleaning their M-16s. These 18- and 19-year-old grunts look miserable, sitting in the heat.

And there they are in Downtown Hell. But it's hell we're creating. If we weren't so incompetent and if we had weapons systems which actually worked, we would be in Baghdad.

To top it off, the Canadian and British governments have formally complained to the State Department about the Bushonian Regime awarding \$50 billion worth of post Saddam Iraqi rebuilding contracts without putting them out to bid—which they are supposed to do.

These contracts were awarded to Fluor, Halliburton, Bechtel, and E-systems. The British and Canadians said it was a flagrant example of how the Republican Party panders to the American Military-Industrial Complex, who in turn support the Right-Wing Political Cabal in Washington. They said they weren't notified of the bids, which the Bush Administration previously promised to them.

These contracts were simply awarded. They were no-bid contracts, and the "winners" were told to set their own prices. This is money that the American taxpayers are going to have to pay for; this is not coming out of Iraqi oil.

Not only were these bids awarded to corporations which support the Right-Wing Cabal of the Bushonian Regime, but George Bush and his family, Dick Cheney and his family, as well as all cabinet officers and over half of all sub-cabinet-level appointees in the Bush Administration have direct financial interests in these companies.

This is a direct conflict of interest. The

law says they can have no direct personal ownership. They get around this because they own shares through various offshore trusts. In Bush's case, it's through the Bush Family-controlled Pilgrim Investment Trust. In Cheney's case, it's through the Cheney Family Foundation Trust in the Netherlands Antilles, which is secret. And that's how they control it—through secret offshore trusts. These shares that the Bushonian Cabalists hold weren't even bought. They were given to them.

This is Crony Capitalism, American Style—a/k/a Bushonian Cabalism.

But this is so indicative of what Bob Dole said—that if it were not for the fear and ignorance of the Narrow-Minded Right in this country, and the political and financial support they give to George Bush, Bush would not be able to accomplish any of his political, economic, or military agendas.

Dole's famed comments, spoken during he re-inauguration dinner in 1985, should never be forgotten. Dole said: "America, land of the naïve and home of the provincial—thank God!"

Conflict Of Interest—It's A Way Of Life For The Bushonian Cabalist (4/7/03)

America continues straight ahead on the road to Right-Wing Dictatorship.

Interviewed by Bill Moyers, Charles Lewis of the Center for Public Integrity spoke about Richard Perle and how it embarrassed the White House because the financial and conflict-of-interest disclosures were not supposed to be made publicly available. Richard Perle is a former Assistant Secretary of Defense (1981-1987), now acting as a private consultant to Republican-controlled industry, bidding for government contracts, primarily through the Department of Defense.

Perle's financial and conflict-of-interest disclosures showed that he had conflicts of interest with corporations that he represented, the CEOs and members of the boards of directors of which were former Bushonian minions. This was supposed to be behind the scenes, so when Defense Secretary Rumsfeld was asked about it, all he could answer in Perle's defense was that "Richard Perle is a loyal citizen."

To avoid a repeat of this embarrassment, Bush signed a new national security directive giving the Vice President, Dick Cheney (of all people), absolute control over the classification of ALL government documents. This is completely

unprecedented.

Cheney said that the first order of business he's going to enact is to bring all financial and conflict-of-interest disclosures, as well as disclosures of past ethical and/or criminal violations, under national security seal, as it relates to Republican consultants who are former members of the Bushonian Regime(s). Normally this would have to be passed through the GAO (Government Accounting Office), but now this directive circumvents the current process and places the entire power to classify documents in the hands of the Vice President—solely.

Such a thing has never been done before, but they are determined not to have another Richard Perle Embarrassment.

The only way that can be done is to place all information, including financial disclosures, conflicts of interest, past ethical violations, and past criminal records of all Bushonian minions now acting as consultants, under national security seal. Further, the Vice President stated that he would now move with his new powers to completely eliminate the *Freedom Of Information Act*.

The *Freedom Of Information Act* was legislated by Congress, but with the passage of the *U.S.A. Patriot Act*, the President now has the power to eliminate the *Freedom Of Information Act*, claiming that would-be "terrorists" could make filings for sensitive government documents, which they could then use in an attempt to extort the Bush Administration by potentially finding out about past illegal activities of said Bush Administration and/or its minions.

Therefore the President (or in this case the Vice President; it was done this way to give Bush cover) has the authority, without congressional action, to eliminate the *Freedom Of Information Act*—not simply water it down as was done in 1986. Cheney declared the *Freedom Of Information Act* to be "a dangerous nuisance".

It should be remembered that it was so watered down in 1986, under the revised *Freedom Of Information Act*, that it had virtually become a moot point. For once they are being genuine about the reason for getting rid of it: that would-be "terrorists" might get a hold of sensitive government documents, which reveal past misdeeds of Bushonian Regimes and their minions, and then the "terrorists" could use that to extort the All Powerful Right-Wing Cabal. So the bogeyman of "terrorism" is again used to quash any potential problems for the

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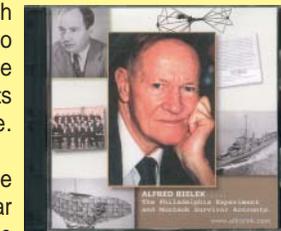
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Bush Cabal.

As Lewis points out, we have reached another milestone in the Bushonian agenda to turn this nation into a right-wing dictatorship. The biggest problem is that now the Bushonian Cabalists don't have to disclose their conflicts of interest. Nor do they have to disclose how much money they are being paid.

Perle had made millions in commissions from these defense contracts and other government contracts. From now on, the President will invoke his national security privilege on all DoD contracts and they are simply going to stop the bidding process, putting out contracts for open bid for the Department of Defense.

Then the rationale becomes that, since these contracts are put out for bid, they have to disclose sensitive information about weapons projects. This won't be done anymore. Typically the losers in the bidding wars challenge the granting of contracts to their competitors, but the reason they challenge is because they didn't get their piece of the pie. The next time around they quietly make a two or three million dollar extra donation to the Republican National Committee's offshore slush fund in Curacao (which is where it is, by the way). It's held at the Curacao branch of a Swiss bank called Geo Bank, which has since been swallowed by a bigger bank. They probably have thousands of these offshore accounts.

If you want to consolidate control into

"higher, tighter, and righter hands"—this is the path upon which you travel. You make it all tight and leakproof—and the public never knows.

Richard Perle has been called "the prince of darkness" and that's very apropos because he's so far back in the shadows and he's so well-connected. But the amount of money these guys get is amazing—Brent Scowcroft, James Baker, Frank Carlucci, and the entire Bushonian Cabal. Their income, just from fees and kickbacks on government contracts they direct, from controlled corporations to the Bush Regime in which they act as intermediaries, is in the tens of millions at a time—PER TRANSACTION.

"Conflict of interest" thereby becomes a moot point as well. For the average two or three BILLION dollar defense contract, there might be as much as TWO OR THREE HUNDRED MILLION at the end for "consultant fees".

[Editor's note: Keep in mind that this robbery from the public purse continues because our elected custodians of the public trust either look the other way or, perhaps more likely these days, are in on the take. What do you think our Founding Fathers would have to say about fixing such governmental decay from within? After all, the hanging tree was an effective tool back then!]

Another part of this is that the Department of Defense will no longer have to make public the offshore defense consultancy fees. If someone demanded

them, they were part of the public record. Under the new rule, the only way they have to disclose it is if they're based in the United States—which none of them are. They all have offices around McLean, Virginia, but they're actually domiciled in the Cayman Islands, Netherlands Antilles, or even Bulgaria.

This is also the extrapolation of the Shadow Government into greater shadows and deeper control.

One of my favorite examples was how Bush authorized the contract last year for the V-22 Osprey, which both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy didn't want. There were 28 prototypes built, and 14 subsequently crashed due to inherent design flaws. Four of them crashed on Navy carrier decks—and caused about \$50 million worth of damage at a time. So the Navy backed out of it. The Army and Air Force backed out of it, and finally the Marines said they didn't want the thing.

P.X. Kelly, the former commandant of the Marines, called the V-22 "a flying death trap" in *Jane's Defense Weekly*. He said the Marines don't want it.

But it's so typical of a Bush Regime. They authorized a weapons system that doesn't work and is dangerous—insofar as 50% of all the ones built so far have crashed.

The V-22 Osprey has inherent design flaws, which the Department of Defense admitted as a reason for not buying the things in the first place.

The Bush Administration then overrides the Department of Defense and gives the billion dollar contract to the Boeing-Bell consortium, despite the fact that none of our armed forces want the aircraft. They said they won't use them.

The question becomes, as always with these Bushonian defense contracts given out simply to garner Republican money or donations to Republican interests (the defense contractors): as these come on line (and they're not cheap; they're about

\$60 million a copy; they only ordered 12 initially), who is going to use them?

None of our armed forces want them or are going to use them. They ordered 12 of them at a cost of three quarters of a BILLION dollars to the American taxpayers, and they will be shipped by the Air Force to the Air Force's graveyard, dismantled, and covered with tarps.

In other words, this project will be expending three quarters of a BILLION dollars of the people's money for nothing. No wonder they said that, from now on, journalists will not be able to get access to the military "graveyard" in the U.S. southwest desert anymore.

The Bushonian Cabal is a scourge that endlessly saps the economic strength of the nation in order to continuously fulfill its agenda of the "continuous consolidation of power and money into higher, tighter, and righter hands".

And we should also add some words that Bush Senior didn't use in that infamous quote of his: "more shadowy".

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In other news, the Union Bank of Switzerland is having a tussle with the Caymanian government. As background to this story, it should be noted that the reasons why the islands are still nice is because they have very strict building codes. It's clean and it's safe because it's still a British Crown Colony. The reason it's still picturesque is because you can't put up anything over four stories. It must be Caribbean architecture.

Because of land restrictions, the Caymanians are complaining that the Swiss banks are attempting to pressure the Cayman Island government to loosen commercial zoning to build more offshore banks in Georgetown, the capital. As the Cayman Islands Tourist Authority pointed out, more than 80% of all the commercial property are offshore banks. But they want to expand because business is booming.

It should also be noted that the principal residency group in the islands are Republican Scamscateers. That's why the Cayman Islands don't need much of a tourist trade or a sport-fishing industry. That way you can

keep all the riff-raff in Jamaica.

That's also why the Cayman Islands are the Republicans' idea of heaven. There's the Union Bank of Switzerland; then there's a pharmacy which says "Prozac On Sale"; then there's a liquor store; and then there's the Canon paper-shredder store. No wonder the place is full of Republican Scamscateers.

In fact, the latest news is that Republican Scamscateers outnumber the native Caymanian population.

Also the governments of Saudi Arabia and Turkey had threatened to withdraw overflight privileges for U.S. Tomahawk and Cruise missiles, which the U.S. had been shooting over their territory. They keep crashing on Saudi and Turkish territory, and most recently, Iranian territory.

The ambassadors from these countries spoke about this problem—saying that these Tomahawk and Cruise missiles keep crashing on our territory and they're killing our peasants and smashing huts and squashing camels. They said: "You can't keep doing this!"

In order to keep the overflight privileges, the U.S. government has quietly agreed to compensate the Saudi, Turkish, and Iranian people with Afghanistyle money drops. (See my awhile ago column "Clueless In Afghanistan".) Like the ambassador said, it's not hard to find these places. You just look for a bunch of smashed huts and squashed camels.

So the United States has agreed to do this—at U.S. taxpayer expense. By the way, this is happening every single day that we fire Tomahawk and Cruise missiles. A percentage always go off course, and as we have mentioned from the GAO Report before, only 38% of these things actually work and hit their target.

The deal was that the CIA would make money drops to smooth things over, providing that, for all further instances, the Saudi, Iranian, and Turkish governments do not inform the media about U.S. missiles going off course.

As it turns out, they showed a bunch of Turkish peasants who are singing the Afghani "I Want My Bennies" Song (sung to the tune of Boy George's "I'll Tumble For You"). The popularity of this song has spread throughout the Middle East, with people singing and dancing to this song with ghetto blasters.

The CIA, using Russian helicopters (since they refuse to use U.S. helicopters), will drop the green and white envelopes with the smiling picture of George Bush, saying: please be America's friend and there will be two bennies (hundred dollar bills) in each envelope.

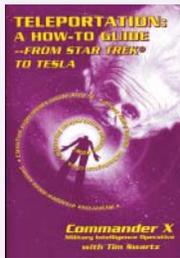
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[Editor's note: Look back at the thought provoking item titled "The Euro And The War On Iraq" on page 9 in last month's News Desk before dismissing so fast a very interesting postulate by Al above.]

So now the problem will be solved with Bushelopes—envelopes with Bush's face on it and two crisp hundred dollar bills inside.

Since the war in Iraq has begun, the United States have taken 103 casualties, 46 killed and 57 wounded, and a still-to-be-determined number of captured.

They don't know how many are captured and there's an indeterminate number missing because they don't know where the units are because the GPUs don't work. The radios don't work and, as we mentioned, the Iraqis switch around the road signs.

Of these casualties we've taken, just 9 have been due to enemy fire. The rest have been due to crashes of helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft because of inherent design flaws—which the Department of Defense admitted but will not force the underlying defense contactors to resolve.

Then there's the faulty spare-parts problem, parts which are made, as we've said before, by Chinese-controlled offshore companies.

Other soldiers have been killed in "friendly fire" incidents, or other faulty U.S. military equipment and munitions failures.

The Afghani statistics also continue. In Afghanistan, 97% of all casualties were due to crashes, faulty munitions, etc.

The fault therefore lies with the Bushonian Cabal and their contractors who use the money they're given to recirculate it to the Republican National Committee in the form of hard or soft money donations. Or it gets deposited into offshore Republican-controlled slush funds, so it turns into a Big Loop which the American people pay for—again and again and again.

This is Bushonian manna from heaven.

Lt. General Michael Short said that if the commanders in the field, like General Franks, had their way, they would be fighting the war the right way—not the Rumsfeld way.

Dick Cheney is also getting sucked into this with the new Halliburton contract to rebuild Iraq. (Cheney was the former CEO of Halliburton.) They dropped the \$654 million contract which had been awarded

last week because it was announced that Cheney is still being paid by Halliburton \$180,000 per year in some payout scheme he had. On the original FEC disclosure forms when he became Vice President, Cheney failed to disclose he was getting the payments. He said that he had severed all ties with Halliburton and owned no more shares and was receiving no payments. Nothing.

Even though \$180,000 is chump change for a guy like him, the appearance is evidently too blatant even for him—the Vice President who's put in charge of awarding the contracts. The first contract is to Halliburton, which is still paying him.

It should be noted that Cheney, because of his insider knowledge, was able to get out of Halliburton stock at \$50 a share—almost at the highest price, while everybody else got out at \$9 to \$12 a share.

Martha Stewart: look out. Here comes Dick Cheney—your new bunk-mate.

But to put Cheney in charge of awarding the contracts so Bush can say "I didn't do it", and to give Cheney new and absolute powers over classification of government documents, is more egregious than even Cheney can tolerate.

The financial cross-ties between Bush and Cheney and Rumsfeld and these various corporations, and the blatant conflicts of interest, are astonishing. The U.S. government is literally becoming Dictators-R-Us.

Ari Fleischer was asked a question about shredding documents, and he replied: "We don't hardly shred documents anymore." They don't have to—because they have such control over the media and all of the government agencies, which are supposed to be internal watchdogs, that they don't have to shred documents anymore.

If you never have to worry about anybody investigating you (independent of your own control), it doesn't make any difference.

To paraphrase the *Love Story* tagline: "Dictators never have to say they're sorry."

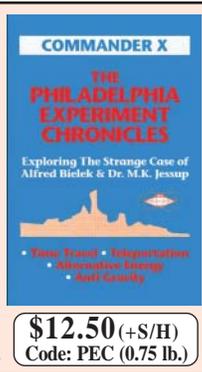
You may have heard that Geraldo was kicked out of Iraq, and Fox News actually tried to cover it up. It was CNN who exposed the fact that he had left.

The Bush Administration had tried to intervene to keep him there. General

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Franks said: "No, we don't want this guy here; he's a security risk." He apparently even talked to George Bush about it.

General Franks calls the Bush White House "The Friends of Fox Society."

"If you try to intervene to keep him here" said General Franks, "I'll go public with it and tell everybody he's a security risk."

But that's Fox News. It's like the Fox guarding the Bushhouse.

Naïve Flag-Waving Americans And Their Homeland Insecurity

(4/14/03)

Last week our nation's "lawmakers"—as the media calls the members of Congress—decided that they would not agree to European participation in the rebuilding-of-Iraq program, if the United Nations were involved.

Bloomberg News even commented on it: "As lawmakers pander to the right." And that's what they're doing. They're engaging in UN-bashing because it's popular at the moment, and they really are pandering to the right-wing flag-wavers who want to bash the UN.

France and Russia's response to Congress was: "Please go ahead and exclude the UN."

If we excuse the UN, that automatically releases our "allies" from their financial obligations, vis-à-vis the money they agreed to come up with in rebuilding Iraq. Therefore, 100% of the financial cost would be borne by the American people. You therefore pay for your own narrow-mindedness.

Then Congress agreed to obstruct the aid bill to Turkey, in order to punish Turkey for its refusal to allow U.S. troops in the country from the get-go. This is another case of pandering to the flag-wavers, because Turkey-bashing is also in this week.

However, if we do that, the narrow-minded flag-wavers (who know absolutely nothing about anything) should bear in mind that it is only American money that

keeps the pro-western secular Turkish government in power, because it is a minority government.

If it were not for U.S. financial support, Turkey would immediately revert to a radical Islamic state. It should be noted that the radical Islamic faction in the Turkish government is the largest, and it is only American money that holds them at bay.

If Turkey becomes a radical Islamic state (which is what will happen if we withhold U.S. aid), it would simply create a new Middle Eastern spawning ground for terrorists. It would destabilize the entire region and directly affect U.S. strategic interests in the Middle East. This would ultimately cost the taxpayers of this nation far more money, down the road, than it would by keeping Turkey financially alive now.

As always, Americans pay for their own stupidity.

Here it is in a nutshell: When Americans start waving the flag, watch out because they get stupid. There is a direct correlation.

You may remember Jerry Fallwell and his comment on AIDS—that it was a curse from God on gays. Now he's got an explanation for SARS.

Jerry immediately said this was a second curse on the Orientals. He hates Orientals and he obviously doesn't know when to shut up. And he gets fatter and fatter. Every time you see him, he's fatter than he was the time before. Some people just eat food—instead of taking Prozac like they should.

And the Rumsfeld bashing also continues. The military wants to get rid of Rumsfeld in the worst way. Bush has to come out daily to support him. The crawl tape says: "Bush reiterates support for Rumsfeld."

But when Bush actually says something (this was one of those rah-rah conferences he attends daily; this one was with the Coast Guard in Florida), the "endorsement" was only tepid. The Bush Administration now understands that, if this continues, they should let Rumsfeld take all the heat, and that deflects it away from the White House.

As I was telling John Oakley on his radio show on CFRB, this war was all screwed up from the beginning.

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Bush pushed this thing before the military was even ready. We didn't even have all the forces in theater yet. We didn't have any prisoner-of-war facilities established. We did not have lines of

transportation, communication, or supply. Our logistics were all screwed up. Units didn't have enough munitions or the right munitions. And you combine that with the fact that all of our wonderful high-tech gizmos don't work.

And then you push a war before the military is ready.

Then, when things go wrong, the military will start impugning the political leadership. That is precisely what has happened, and to deflect that, Rumsfeld is going to absorb the heat. He knows it and I'm sure the agreement between Bush and Rumsfeld has already been made. Rumsfeld has been told to take all the heat, and then when they get rid of him, it will protect the Administration. And in exchange, he'll get a million-dollar-a-year consulting contract from the Heritage Foundation.

It should be noted that Rumsfeld has had no military command experience. He used to sell drugs (pharmaceuticals) and pushed through FDA approval of Aspartame when nobody wanted to approve it because of the harmful side effects. The only thing he ever did is push pills.

Imagine—a pill pusher is running the most powerful military on Earth.

This War on Iraq, of course, has the possibilities of turning into Vietnam Redux—with potential guerilla action for years to come. The Bush Administration made a calculated gamble in allowing such unprecedented media access to the war, because when you do, you have to let in all the media of our allies, like it or not.

The Bush Administration can't control foreign media the way it controls domestic media. So when you have all these cameras set up around Baghdad for the world to see, the problem is that you can't make the people always see what you want them to see. And it makes it harder to lie and blame other people when something goes wrong.

It should be noted we have fired about 3000 Cruise and/or Tomahawk missiles into Baghdad in the 11 days of the campaign, and aren't we doing something. But the reality is that we have bombed the same 13 buildings over and over again.

It's the same 13 targets that we're bombing every day. Remember the movie *Wag The Dog* and the joke about the same bomb going down the chimney over and over again?

What tactical military advantages is it to bomb the same pile of rubble every day?

The only advantage is the political value—to make it appear to the American people that we're doing something, that we're bombing Baghdad. It's also a lot

less risky, when you have news cameras everywhere, to bomb the same pile of rubble every day, rather than bomb something else when you might make a mistake and a lot of civilians get killed.

Therefore we have spent \$5 billion of the American taxpayers' money (that's what 3,000 Cruise missiles cost, fully deployed in the field). That's \$5 billion WASTED—strictly for the Bush Administration to have political cover. We should always be mindful of what Alan Greenspan said in 1993: "The nation can't afford any more Bushs."

But that's why Prozac is so popular. It puts you into a monotone. It makes you look and sound like George Bush. But it's hard to say. A guy like him who's drunk and taken drugs all his life. The Bushonian Cocktail—Jim Beam and Prozac. It lasts a lifetime.

Then there was the story about the billboard in Olympia, Washington. It shows a bunch of our troops holding a flag and the caption reads: "If you don't support our team, get out of our stadium."

This was a lead-in to the story about the new Office of Information Awareness (and Exploitation). State Security Psychological Operations Directorate has contracted to lease thousands of billboards, and they are now designing them. The first one is around the greater Washington DC area and it shows a bunch of Americans marching with red white and blue armbands, holding up the American flag, and it said: "Marching For Freedom."

It showed the guy on the front with his right foot in the air (you know, like the goose step) and some graffiti artist apparently got up on the billboard and drew a picture of the *U.S. Constitution* and the *Bill Of Rights* under his foot—crushed under the foot of the new narrow-minded right.

And then, on the American citizens marching (who all had blond hair and blue eyes), the artist drew-in little toothbrush mustaches.

The police are going to charge this graffiti artist (if they can find him) with sedition.

This will be bringing back the days of John Adams, who threw dozens of newspaper editors in prison because they dared to criticize him. There was the biography of John Adams, which was promoted heavily as if he were some kind of hero. But the Adams Family has been considered one of the primary villains of American history and they could be even considered a precursor of the Bushonian Cabal, family dynasty and all.

But this gives you another idea where the Bush Administration is taking the

country. They will be leasing tens of thousand of billboards, which aren't being used because of the economic slowdown due to Bushonomics. It's ironic. They have the availability of the billboard space—due to Bushonomics.

Then you have to remember that Clear Channel is one of the largest owners of billboards in this country. It makes you wonder how many they will be “donating” to this propaganda campaign. “Donating” for a fee, that is, but the fee is tax-deductible since it's a donation.

You see the tawdry humor here. The billboard space is available due to the economic slowdown because of Bushonomics. Then this division of a newly created federal office uses taxpayer money from the same people suffering under Bushonomics to lease the billboards for these new State Security signs. And they're leasing them from a corporation (Clear Channel) whose board of advisors includes Henry Kissinger and George Bush Sr. This is a great example of the Bushonian Cabal at work.

In fact, it's a reasonable question to ask: Is the Bushonian Cabal guilty of incest?

With all the facts in hand, George Bush, Henry Kissinger, et al, should probably be charged with having illicit incestuous (business) relations.

The circle is complete now. There is no more pretense of any conflicts of interest. (See preceding column “Conflict Of Interest”.) The Bush Administration doesn't even try to hide the conflicts of interest. All investigations by the FCC and the Department of Justice have ceased. They don't even bother to try to hide it.

But I can't wait to see the new billboards, with the American citizens marching along with their new armbands. They'll probably make them region specific.

They'll show the Floridians marching along in their Bermuda shorts and flip-flops. Or maybe in their lime-green polyester pants and naugahyde belts. It'll be all old people, with their crooked spectacles, their false teeth coming out, and their hearing aids hanging down—all holding the American flag. It'll be a special lightweight American flag, specially made for oldsters.

Then there's the story of the University of Montana professor, Dennis Holt, who was fired for speaking out against the War on Iraq. He said that there should be a “peaceful takeover of the government”. But he should have known better.

You can't talk like that anymore. It's seditious.

The University of Montana said he

wasn't fired because of freedom of speech issues, and not because “he shared anti-war sentiments, calling the rumors absolutely false”.

But of course it's true. The university should just stop lying. The administrator of the University of Montana got a call from the LCB, the Lie Coordination Bureau: “We hear you have a seditious professor and you're not coordinating your lies on campus, and we've got to get rid of him. The young impressionable minds on campus need all the help they can get.”

And just to make sure, the Office of Homeland Security will be sending an extra vanload of American flags—American flags made in China, of course.

You'll also be interested in knowing that, according to John Ashcroft, the disloyalty laws in times of war have been re-established—despite the fact that we're not officially at war. But the act doesn't state “declared war”; it just says “during times of war”. And we're always at war. There's the War on Poverty. The War on Drugs. Which “war” are they talking about?

So now citizens can be declared “disloyal” as a reason for dismissal from a job or to prevent them from getting a job or to restrict them from travel. You'd better watch it or you could end up like Ezra Pound at St. Elizabeth's. All citizens will be informed by the Office of Internal Security if they have been declared “disloyal” and be required to get a new driver's license because that information will be included on your new security threat dossier.

You can of course contest it. And when

you do, you'll get a piece of paper which says “here's the reason”—and it's all blacked out. All redacted. “Under National Security laws, we have been advised that we can't reveal to you the real reason.”

But you see how far this is going. I keep telling everyone to watch out for those naïve flag-wavers who, in their patriotic zeal, would readily usurp the rights of others.

It reminds me of Reverend Thomas Malthus, the English social theorist, who had done research about civilizations from 3500 BC to the early 19th century. He pointed out that there had been revolutions in every society when the top 1% of that society began to control more than 50% of all the private wealth of that society, and when the income spread in those society's businesses and industries, between the highest and lowest paid employees, went above 263X.

When those two circumstances were reached, there was a revolution in every nation from 3500 BC on. This was called the French Revolution Theorem because those were the exact numbers reached prior to the French Revolution. It's interesting to note that now, in the United States, the top 1% of the nation controls 66.3% of all the private wealth, and the spread between the highest paid employee and the lowest paid employee, within the S&P 500 index of 500 leading corporations in the United States, is now 299X.

Is another American Revolution coming?

Don't bet on it. The naïve flag-wavers are firmly behind the wheel. △



Follow The Money For History Lessons

Editor's note: In the last article of Sherman Skolnick's lessons for this month there's a remarkable account of the money trail that went along with transporting Saddam and his top generals out of Iraq and into safety.

There's usually such a money trail behind the important events of history, and Saddam's case is only the latest in a long line of uncovering such ancient "trade routes" which always seem to get deleted from the official accounts we read in our sanitized history books.

It's as if our historians were to try to explain why so many cities are located near water while completely overlooking the obvious! When you take out that critical connection, you are left with the very kinds of goofy disinformation often given as facts to explain why key historical events happened.

In the following historical accounts, Sherman not only puts the "water" back in the picture, but never forgets to point out how central it was to what actually evolved. And the events sure do make much more sense from THAT perspective!

And returning for a minute to Saddam and his generals—keep in mind that our tax dollars not only paid for a phony war to "get Saddam" (while acting as cover for other agendas), but also paid a bundle to get him out of the area—BEFORE the show started that dazzled the American people into a patriotic frenzy. Why do you suppose the saying "a fool (taxpayer) and his money are soon parted" comes to mind here?

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The Overthrow Of The American Republic, Part 31: Great Storms And Big Lies Of History (3/26/03)

Throughout the events of the world, there were happenings that, on occasion, changed the course of history. Later generations often failed to remember or note the same, or see an evil omen of these past occurrences. Some later called them acts of Mother Nature; others, preferring to be spiritual, called them Divine Intervention. And then there were the Big Lies of foreign invaders.

From about the 15th Century on, Spain amassed great wealth from plundering countries in the New World. Such as, early in the 16th Century, Spain conquered Peru and Mexico. Perhaps at the time, Spain denied invading those lands to steal their gold and silver. For a time, the Spanish Hapsburg royalty became the most powerful in the world.

In 1588, Philip II of Spain ordered his huge Spanish Armada, considered invincible, to set sail to conquer England. Call it Mother Nature, call it a Judgment from Heaven, but a terrible storm blew them off course. What was left of the shipwrecked fleet ended up on the shores of Ireland. The surviving sailors/killers later intermarried with the inhabitants, thus resulting in the Dark Irish.

Following the French Revolution late in the 18th Century, what survived of the

French Aristocracy that had not met their fate at the guillotine—a machine invented for beheading condemned prisoners—in a form of counter-revolution, installed a brilliant military conniver, Napoleon Bonaparte, of Corsica. As the dictator of France, acceptable to the monied class, he sought to restore their "glory"—hurling the best of the French youth, some to their deaths, to conquer, with his clever strategies, Germany, Austria, and other places.

Eventually Napoleon conquered Russia, and briefly set up his headquarters in Moscow. In the winter of 1813, retreating from Moscow, his armed forces were hit with the worst winter ever—80° below zero. Most of his army of 600,000 were lost. Some were frozen deep in ice, and their corpses did not thaw out until many months later.

After the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo, he was sent to be exiled on an island in the mid-South Atlantic Ocean, St. Helena. Some now contend that there is proof, from surviving strands of his hair, that Napoleon was murdered, bit by bit, by being poisoned with arsenic.

After Adolf Hitler's armies invaded Russia in 1941, the two winters that followed were, like what hit Napoleon's army in 1813, some of the worst low temperatures ever. Many German soldiers considered being sent to the Russian front as a death warrant. Was it a dark omen of what was to be the great Nazi military disaster at Stalingrad?

Perhaps over the last two centuries, foreign invaders and would-be foreign invaders of the Middle East, did not learn from previous events. Failure to understand the region, rather than Mother Nature or Divine Intervention, brought them eventually to ruin. Each such foreign invader started with bombarding the targeted nation and others with the Big Lie that the invaders were coming, not to steal their land and treasures, but for the good of the populace.

As one publication quoted George W. Bush, comparing him to Napoleon, Bush was invading Iraq for spreading "God's gift" of liberty "to each and every person" and of how "Iraqi lives and freedom matter greatly to us."

(*Wall Street Journal*, 3/19/03, "Past Mideast Invasions Faced Unexpected Perils".)

What follows are excerpts from the same newspaper:

"Napoleon proclaimed a similar era of equality and respect for 'true Muslims' as he marched into Cairo in 1798, killing a thousand members of Egypt's ruling caste.... 'Peoples of Egypt: you will be told that I have come to destroy your religion' said Napoleon as he entered Cairo. 'Do not

believe it! Reply that I have come to restore your rights.' Napoleon's real goals involved France's colonial rivalry with Britain."

(Note: Several times before George W. Bush invaded Iraq, the head of British Petroleum warned the Bush White House that British Pete, as they are called, will demand a piece of the Iraq post-war oil treasure. *Guardian* newspaper, London, 10/30/02.)

More excerpts from the *Wall Street Journal*:

"British troops landed in what's now Iraq in 1914, as part of Britain's campaign against the Ottoman Turks, allies of Germany in World War I. 'Britain was bursting with confidence in an easy and early victory' wrote British officer T.E. Lawrence, better known as Lawrence of Arabia.... Capturing Baghdad after the first three years, they offered almost the same salutation as Napoleon had in Cairo: 'Our armies do not come into your cities and lands as conquerors or enemies, but as liberators' trumpeted Gen. F.S. Maude, commander of the British forces in Iraq. 'Your wealth has been stripped of you by unjust men.... The people of Baghdad shall flourish under institutions which are in consonance with their sacred laws....' But Britain retained the Ottomans' long reliance on Sunni Muslims as the governing class in Iraq, an arrangement that exacerbated conflicts with Iraq's larger Kurdish and Shia Muslim populations."

The story in the *Wall Street Journal*, apparently reflecting the faction of the Ruling Class that opposed the arbitrary installation of George W. Bush, has a great deal of details of the disasters of foreign invaders into the Middle East and the Big Lies proclaimed by each.

So, in 2003, a huge American army, contrary to good military tactics, came up to the outskirts of Baghdad through desert from the South. Coming up principally on a highway designed by the Germans similar to their autobahn. The military's purported masterminds had an excuse: Turkey would not permit the U.S. army to come to Northern Iraq the easy way, across Turkey. Retired generals and other clever sorts grumbled that it could lead to a possible military disaster.

Some saw an evil omen of what might follow, as the U.S. army camped on the outskirts of Baghdad. Like Napoleon, purported Commander-in-Chief George W. Bush, to vindicate his father's personal grudge against his former business partner, Saddam Hussein, might eventually come to ruin. All the while, George W. Bush was claiming, like Napoleon, that Bush was there not to steal their oil to use as collateral for the out-of-control U.S. debt and tax cuts for the wealthy, but to do

wonderful things for the inhabitants of Iraq, like Napoleon promised those in Egypt.

Just as the U.S. Army came up to Baghdad, a tremendous desert sandstorm befell them, one of the worst anyone could recall. A fine sand bombardment, capable of clogging up the mechanisms of military vehicles, helicopters, and jet planes, on which a modern army relies. Was it just a quirk of Mother Nature or Divine Intervention? To some, perhaps praying for Peace and being spiritual, it was a sign from Heaven, passing Judgment on the foreign invaders, without an avenue of appeal. Were the Peace demands of the bulk of those on Planet Earth, by this, ratified? Was it a signal that the wrath of Heaven, long biblically patiently withheld, will belatedly fall on those who violate the Ten Commandments?

Time will tell. Stay tuned.

The Overthrow Of The American Republic, Part 32: U.S./Iraq Plots And Secret Weapons (4/4/03)

Both the U.S. and Iraq have the same secret weapon and they share in joint plots. Without publicity, the U.S. used the weapon in Persian Gulf War One. Iraq, recipient of the same technology from Daddy Bush and others when Saddam Hussein was his private business partner in the 1980s, may use it in Persian Gulf War Two.

A huge body of details, known to us, is necessary to try to understand this report by those who may not be well-informed, and/or in years past have not been much interested in knowing about these matters that we put into our reports.

A summary of some of those details:

1. Both Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein were created by the American CIA, with the aid and connivance, among others, of Daddy Bush, and despite appearing to be on the outs with their creators, continue to play sophisticated "games" with the CIA and others, seldom understood by or explained to common Americans. The oil-soaked, spy-riddled monopoly press tells us less than 10% of the truth, 90% fairy tales, to protect The Establishment, the "powers-that-be", the Ruling Class, or whatever you call "THEM".

2. Our reports right after the multiple bombings of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Office Building in

Oklahoma City, April 19, 1995, were often misunderstood and widely heckled by poorly informed persons. Despite that, we continue to try not to deal with readers of our reports, listeners of our radio shows, and viewers of our non-commercial TV shows, as if such persons are all eight-year-olds, the rotten way the pressfakers keep the public as dumb as possible.

2a. Right after April 19, 1995, we wrote exclusive reports which appeared on one or more websites, years before we had our own website. (We believe they may still be archived by Brian Redman, who has been running a superior website, Conspiracy Nation, although we are NOT conspiracy theorists.)

2b. We said that multiple weapons were used to take down the building in Oklahoma City. We later interviewed some of those who came from some distance as volunteer rescuers with their sniffing dogs, searching for possible survivors. **We found later that some of them were suffering from radioactive fallout ailments. AND, that their skilled dogs thereafter died.** For various reasons becoming suspicious, the volunteers dug up the carcasses of the dead animals and a laboratory determined they had huge amounts of radioactive material in their lungs. The volunteers themselves were suffering from diseases associated with having been heavily exposed to radioactive materials. Government doctors told the volunteers that, if they did not SHUT UP about the subject, their ailments would not be dealt with, and they would receive no medical attention, and doctor-hospital bills would NOT be paid.

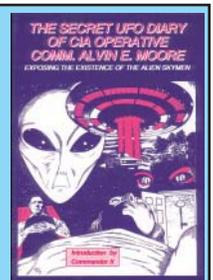
Who among the press prostitutes mentioned the independent-minded investigators who came to the bomb site with Geiger counters, to measure radioactive fallout and were astounded by what they found? Nuclear experts who permitted us to talk to them on the promise of extreme secrecy, informed us that the residue substance discovered at the bomb site was Tritium. It is described as: "A rare radioactive hydrogen isotope with atomic mass 3 and half-life 12.5 years, prepared artificially for use as a tracer and as a constituent of hydrogen bombs."

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The press whores, in a position to know about these things or even to ask questions, were silent and censored all mention of anything linked to this. If anything, they steered know-nothings to privately blast us as "liars". The press raised no questions when the FBI, to cover up the radioactivity, quickly demolished what was left of the Murrah Building and cemented over the site, calculated to keep the radioactive residue from being further measured and detected.

3. As we detailed in various of our stories posted on websites of pals of ours, we mentioned that, starting before April 19, 1995, there were efforts by dissident "flag officers" (slang for Admirals and Generals) to seek to arrest their Command-in-Chief, Bill Clinton, a real-life *Seven Days In May*. They felt authorized under the Uniform Military Code to arrest Clinton. If he arrested them for mutiny, if they were not immediately assassinated, they were prepared via heavy documentation to defend themselves at Courts Martial with data proving Clinton met from time to time with the head of the Red Chinese Secret Police, Wang Jun, and turned over to him U.S. financial, industrial, and yes, MILITARY secrets. The Red Chinese, being sworn enemies of the U.S., made these acts by Clinton fit the classic *U.S. Constitution* definition of treason (Article 3, Section 3).

4. Right after April 19, 1995, Clinton went as a surprise on CBS's *60 Minutes* Sunday TV program, and proclaimed that the "militia" (then much in the news) were dedicated, he said, "to try to overthrow the U.S. Government"—a false notion Clinton well knew. Clinton and his cronies, the Bush Crime Family, clearly had prior

knowledge of the Oklahoma City Bombings. Clinton's purpose was to divert attention from the political debacle of the 1994 Congressional Election, wherein the GOP took control, after many years, of the U.S. Congress.

5. In 1992, members of our investigative group spent about four months extensively interviewing Michael Riconosciuto. Described by those who knew him well as a weapons and electronics genius, which we verified he is/was, he ran afoul of the American CIA because he divulged to a Congressional Committee the dirty business of Daddy Bush and others in the "spook" industry. (The federal jails, in various places in this nation, are holding, by frame-ups on long jail sentences, several former CIA pilots who blew the whistle on dope shipments, CIA covert operators, and such, all on the outs with the spy cartel. Riconosciuto was framed on a 28-year rap.)

As we confirmed, Riconosciuto helped invent and develop a subatomic weapon he and others called "blue lightning". We talked to him in the Federal "Triangle", one of the few buildings in the U.S. shaped with three sides and being the federal jail in the Windy City. He was brought to Chicago from another jail, while he waited to be brought before a very, very Special Federal Grand Jury supposedly investigating corruption of the U.S. Justice Department and the American CIA.

In charge of the Grand Jury was retired former Chicago U.S. District Judge Nicholas J. Bua. Was it a mere coincidence he was a key member of the secret group P-2 (Propaganda Duex), dedicated to overthrowing representative governments in Italy, France, England, and the U.S? P-2 is made up of top-level judges, cabinet members, legislators, media brass, and bosses of the secret political police. (A history of P-2, from various publications available through web search engines, shows they specialize, for example, in bombings to blame onto innocent dissidents.)

Get this: Former Judge Bua in 1992 was the Special Counsel for the U.S. Justice Department. Neat trick! Investigating themselves—a perfect whitewash.

Little known or understood is that every person has a fundamental right to find the foreperson of the Grand Jury and submit to that person evidence and testimony that the Grand Jury may wish

to investigate. Of course, no outsider has a right to ask a Grand Juror what they are deliberating on behind the unmarked door. I located the foreperson of Bua's Grand Jury, as she was walking on the way to the secret door. I told her I and associates of mine had testimony and evidence for the Grand Jury. Bua's assistant, not wishing to know the law that applied authorizing what I was doing, tried to arrest me right there. When I told Bua, who knew me for several decades, that I will sue him and his assistant for false arrest, Bua called off his vicious dog.

6. A secret copy of Bua's whitewash report was somehow delivered to us. We found out that Bua had, without evidence he could refer to, condemned Riconosciuto and any mention of the "blue lightning" weapon. Shortly thereafter I and an associate of mine and Riconosciuto brought a suit in the Chicago Federal District Court against Bua and others. We claimed they were unlawfully blocking our evidence and testimony before the Federal Grand Jury, an offense known as obstruction of justice. A fellow judge of Bua, without allowing us to appear even once in his courtroom, secretly dismissed our case, stating no reason for doing so.

7. During Persian Gulf War One, 1991, without publicity, or if ever mentioned at all, soft-pedaled, the U.S. military used Riconosciuto's invention "blue lightning" to blast away and incinerate great numbers of Iraqi troops. Riconosciuto and others familiar with the weapon contend it releases a form of subatomic power. A residue leftover in or near where it is used is tritium, same residue left over after the multiple blasts at the Oklahoma City bombings, April 19, 1995.

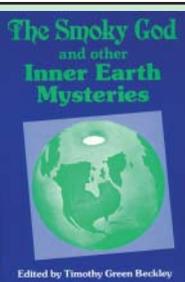
8. For many years after the Oklahoma City disaster, I was the only one writing exclusively about how domestic dissidents—whether they were fully aware of it or not—were actually surrogates for Iraq playing a dirty game in the U.S. for the American CIA and others. At the close of Persian Gulf War One, as I exclusively described, Daddy Bush, then President, quietly brought into the U.S., four thousand supposed elite Iraqi military and intelligence division defectors, some of them skilled pilots. Bush and later Clinton were in a position to know that some of them were actually double agents.

In a heavily censored and watered-down story, CBS's *60 Minutes* TV program mentioned that 550 such supposed "defectors" were housed and became residents, with their families, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Not mentioned was the real details. Namely, that 2,000 of such were set up, with federal subsidies for them and their families—housing, rent, food, and such—in OKLAHOMA CITY. And, that

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they were involved in using Timothy McVeigh and others as surrogates, whether directly or immediately known by him and others or not.

Many years after my original exclusive stories, a huge documented book came out. It documented how between 4 thousand and 13 thousand such Iraqis were brought into the U.S. with vast sums spent on them. AND YET, the report states, U.S. citizens, as former soldiers, were often being DENIED benefits from the Veterans Administration.

(See *Final Report—On The Bombing Of The Alfred P. Murrah Building, April 19, 1995*, by The Oklahoma Bombing Investigation Committee, © 2001, P.O. Box 75697, Oklahoma City, OK 73147, pages 476-477.)

9. Just prior to the Timothy McVeigh trial, his Chief Defense Counsel, Stephen Jones, filed, in the Federal Appeals Court, a special petition against the trial judge, Richard Matsch. Jones sought to compel the trial judge to release records of the American CIA and others that showed there was, among other things, an Iraqi connection, and that defendant Timothy McVeigh was a domestic dissident surrogate for Iraq, apparently seeking revenge on U.S. soil against the U.S. The government and the trial judge contended that the CIA was a different unit of the U.S. government and Jones could only seek records from the Justice Department. That is like claiming someone has money in another pocket of his jacket or pants. In his 185-page petition, Jones surprisingly refers to both the public Court Record AND THE SECRET COURT RECORD as to the Iraqi connection.

The press were silent about Jones' petition, which was summarily refused and denied. Recently a group of those whose loved ones died in the Oklahoma bombings brought a damage suit against the government of Iraq. Evidently they were seeking to get at, by way of damages, Iraq funds frozen within the U.S. jurisdiction. The monopoly press said little about this.

10. On April 4, 2003, a spokesman purportedly for the Baghdad government stated that the Iraqis had what he described as "a non-military surprise" for the U.S. military forces acting as foreign invaders in his country. He denied it was a weapon of mass destruction.

Was he hinting that "blue lightning"—made available to Iraq by Daddy Bush at a time Bush was a private business partner of Saddam Hussein—would be used to teach the U.S. a lesson in how a small nation of 24 million people could resist a monstrous, well-equipped aggressor of 280 million people?

Some unanswered questions:

- Will "blue lightning", a subatomic weapon apparently not as serious as a nuclear weapon, be used for example against the huge airport near Baghdad, once called Saddam Hussein International Airport, renamed by the U.S. military as Baghdad International Airport? Are the makings of "blue lightning" in the tunnels and passageways under that airport?

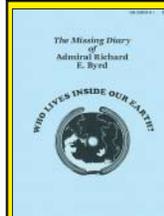
- Will the "blue lightning" weapon, if used by Iraq, tend to unravel Daddy Bush and his crony, Bill Clinton, and their prior knowledge and complicity as to the Oklahoma City multiple bombings? And maybe even expose Daddy Bush and monsters in the U.S. military brass having carried out the disasters of September 11, 2001, falsely blamed on "Arabs", but calculated to destroy the *U.S. Constitution* and *Bill Of Rights*? Remember: how to do such a thing was documented in the book *Body Of Secrets* by James Bamford, which came out right before 9/11, as to how the top U.S. military in 1962, under "Operation Northwoods", planned to commit horrible violence against fellow Americans to blame onto Cuba to justify the U.S. invading Cuba.

- If the truth about "blue lightning" comes out, will ordinary Americans find out what really took down, as by controlled demolitions, the World Trade Center twin towers and WTC Building 7 in Manhattan, September 11, 2001?

- Will common Americans come to understand that 9/11 is part of a long series of events to overthrow the American Republic?

- In the process of finding out about "blue lightning" as a direct or side issue, will common Americans come to wonder about the following:

One of the first network reporters to show up to cover the Oklahoma City bombings was Dan Raviv, CBS News International/National Correspondent. Is it just a mere coincidence that he co-authored the book about the Mossad (Israeli intelligence) called *Every Spy A Prince: The Complete History Of Israel's Intelligence Community*, co-authored with Yossi Melman, 1990. Also, the same two co-authored *Friends In Deed: Inside The U.S.-Israel Alliance*. Did a faction in the Mossad have prior knowledge of the Oklahoma City bombings and, in vain, informed Daddy



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Bush and Bill Clinton, who for geopolitical and other power purposes allowed it to happen?

And did the Mossad have prior knowledge of 9/11 and, in vain, informed the George W. Bush White House who allowed it to happen anyway to be falsely blamed onto "Arabs"? FBI Deputy Director John P. O'Neill, a leading counter-terrorist expert, was blocked by the Bush White House from continuing to investigate Osama bin Laden. Why? Because it would lead back to the Bush Crime Family, the Carlyle Group, and others. Quitting the FBI about August, 2001, O'Neill became the Security Chief of the World Trade Center, lured at the last minute into one of the buildings, and there perished.

AND, who mentions that George W. Bush's younger brother, Marvin, was a director of an insurance company having coverage of the twin towers, and he apparently cancelled his company's coverage BEFORE the disaster. Further, Marvin Bush was a director of a firm that arranged the security of the twin towers. (Put Marvin Bush into a good website search engine and see what all you pull up.)

My stories are unacceptable to the monopoly press. Do not heckle me, demanding that I make available stories like this to the newsmakers—as if I am responsible for them censoring stories like this.

More coming. Stay tuned.

The Blackmail Business, Part 2

(4/23/03)

There should be a course in college called "Blackmail 101" giving you the principles of the subject—a reality in a real world. In reading this, consider you have enrolled in the same.

First things first. There are DEVILS. And who are they? To simplify, let us call them the Aristocracy, or a split faction of the same, or the Ruling Class or Ruling Elite,

or the Establishment, or the "Powers-that-be", or just Them.

If you have no clue as to Them, then I, as your instructor, hereby send you back to read my series "The Overthrow Of The American Republic". If you are too busy to read that, or not so inclined, then I hereby release you from this course. That is, you have flunked out. (Tending to be polite, I will NOT call you naïve or a know-nothing.)

1. Major and even minor powers are inclined to be devils. For instance, France, which more than two centuries ago helped in repelling the British and aiding in founding this nation, are not innocent babes.

A study of history shows that France was more or less x'd out of a real role in grabbing parts of the Middle East, for imperialist and oil-soaked reasons. A simple answer is that the Brits, historically enemies to French colonial powers and other French aims, kept them out. The French sarcastically called them "limeys" and the Brits hurled insults against the "frogs".

No, we have not forgotten about Lebanon and a few other items of history.

2. When it came to the era leading up to Persian Gulf War Two, the French demanded a piece of the action. All the while, the American media, almost all pro-British, kept insisting the U.S. wished to invade Iraq "for the Iraqis' own good, to free them from their dictator Saddam". Left out, of course, is that the American CIA, to counter the Communist Party of Iraq, installed Saddam Hussein, using him in the beginning, 1959, to assist the American CIA's assassination squads. (United Press International's story about the secret background of Saddam started circulating about the time of Gulf War Two. Why were we not told THIS much earlier?)

3. The French CIA has gathered substantial data for financial and other blackmail of the U.S.

A few examples:

• Members of the French secret political police infiltrated the two or more plots to assassinate President John F. Kennedy. Such as the aborted plot, two and a half weeks before Dallas, to murder JFK at a

football game in Chicago. (Our April 1970 Chicago Federal District Court lawsuit on this subject, with eleven documents, stolen from the U.S. National Archives, received almost no attention from purported assassination researchers busy selling their own books lint-picking which way the bullets went in Dealey Plaza.)

• The French CIA has a suppressed film, apparently never previously shown, documenting the Dallas shooting of JFK from a storm sewer concealed on the railway embankment. Newfarker Dan Rather was standing in the shadows, right near the railway overpass, right near one of the military-style triangulating-fire shooters. Covering up political murders is a way to get to the top of the Ruling Class's spy-riddled media.

• The French secret political police have video tapes proving Daddy Bush was in or near Paris, October 1980, working his treasonous deal with Iranian mullahs, to delay the release of the 52 U.S. Embassy hostages, to wreck Jimmy Carter's bid for re-election. Thus was blocked the GOP's dreaded "October Surprise".

• The French have proof that TWA Flight 800, scheduled for Paris from New York, was shot down by missiles from an Iranian submarine bought from the former Soviets and with a Russian mercenary crew. Among those who perished were 60 French nationals, eight of whom were part of an elite group of the French CIA. (Their team leader, perhaps warned, refused to get onboard Flight 800, and thus survived.) The French hold back this data to blackmail the U.S. Justice Department from prosecuting 14 French nationals in the U.S. who were to be charged with stealing U.S. financial and industrial secrets (through Chicago).

4. With the apparent connivance of the French, aided by Moscow boss Putin, Saddam Hussein has purportedly been concealed outside of Iraq.

CBS Market Watch, their website financial service, also picked up by some CBS radio outlets, on 4/22/03 broadcast unsubstantiated reports contending that Saddam Hussein was in custody. Why did CBS's boss, Viacom, want that story to run just briefly? Simple. For financial speculation and blackmail. CBS bosses have been on the wrong side of stock index gambling. It helped CBS news gamblers—who are idle for part of the day anyway—get out of their wrong bets on the markets.

5. The French, in an apparent reversal of position, will go along with U.S. plans to seize Iraqi oil, considered the second most reserves on the planet, to act as collateral to support the U.S. debt structure running out of control. In a secret deal, the French have been promised about 30% of the Iraqi "oil action", their cut of the stolen petroleum treasure.

6. And who are the INDEPENDENTS? Simple. Those without financial hang-ups prevalent in the oil-soaked, spy-riddled monopoly press. A recent website series, called *Gatekeepers*, as to CIA financing of much of the so-called "liberal" alternative media outlets—like Pacifica Radio, the *Nation* magazine, and such—shows there are very, very few sizeable operations in the alternative media. (Scroll all the way down our website to our story about CIA fronts, financed by CIA-linked foundations, done through several levels, by way of deception.)

[Editor's note: Sherman's comment above is quite true, and it holds true well beyond just the arena of disinformation disguised as alternative media. For instance, if some UFO "expert" is full of baloney, he/she will find some CIA front—let's just call it the Golden Nuggets Foundation—say: "Gee, we really like your work and want to fund you." So this "expert", with ego and wallet well inflated, will have book deals fall out of the sky and be able to travel all over to continue to spread baloney. Meanwhile, the genuinely truthful experts—whether in the alternative media, the UFO area, psychic phenomena, free energy, etc.—will starve or worse, depending on a number of factors. This is one of the most popular ways to keep the public dumb—and at taxpayer expense!]

So, in learning about the Blackmail Business (the major enterprise on planet Earth), the forces are not the Devils versus the Angels, but the Devils versus the Independents.

While this is happening, two major Russian oil companies have, at the same time, merged, making them the reputed fourth largest Big Oil on the planet.

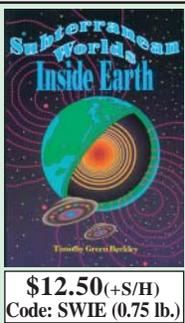
7. More details of what the French have ready, if they consider it necessary, to blackmail the Bush White House:

• Data tending to prove Daddy Bush was directly implicated in the plot to snuff out President John F. Kennedy, and afterwards, use Nazi war criminals, then resident in the U.S., to assassinate upwards of 300 witnesses by way of cover-up. Others have documented the Nazi past of the Bush Family—such as that George W. Bush's grandfather, Prescott S. Bush, Sr., helped install Adolf Hitler, and that Nazi war criminals assisted George Herbert Walker

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Bush's rise to power.

• French television has, ready at any moment to be telecast, a two-hour documentary proving the Bush fraud in bribing Democrats in southern Florida to stop the recount showing Gore was the winner and got the Electoral College vote over and above Gore's nationwide popular plurality of 600,000 votes. AND, how the five majority on the U.S. Supreme Court were corrupted to install Bush, Jr. as the occupant and resident of the White House. To be candid, Gore is the duly elected, BUT NOT INAUGURATED, PRESIDENT.

• The French have followed up on our exclusive story about the pedophile-homosexual underground, showing George W. Bush cavorting with his longtime male sex-mate, violating National Security in that the Red Chinese Secret Police are using such details to blackmail financial, industrial, and yes, military secrets out of Bush. (See early installments of our ongoing series "The Overthrow Of The American Republic".)

In future parts of this series, there's more to learn and understand about "The Blackmail Business". One cynical type, off the record, asked if we would quickly aid him to blackmail his former business partner. I guess he did not get the point that we should be considered among the Independents, not among the Devils.

Stay tuned.

**The Overthrow Of
The American Republic, Part 33:
Saddam Hussein And The Exit Money
(5/7/03)**

The Persian Gulf War Two ended before the actual shooting started. On March 17, 2003, George W. Bush, the occupant and resident of the White House, proclaimed a 48-hour deadline in which the Iraqi strongman, Saddam Hussein, should turn over Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and he should leave the country.

As of this date, no WMD have been discovered to exist in Iraq. By the time the shooting started, March 20, 2003, Saddam, according to very knowledgeable sources, had already left the country. The exit was

arranged by the Moscow government, with the knowledge, if not the aid, of the Paris government, and with the full knowledge and connivance of British Prime Minister Tony Blair and George W. Bush, as supervised by Daddy Bush.

Just as the deadline passed on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, the American CIA, with the U.S. Military brass, covered up these and other events herein described, by a much trumpeted effort to supposedly assassinate Saddam in Baghdad, using bunker-busting weapons.

It was a treasonous fraud, calculated to distract common Americans addicted, like druggies, to the oil-soaked, spy-riddled monopoly press, to cover up the true nature of what was really happening.

According to the best, most well-informed sources, who have in the past been accurate, here is what already had occurred prior to the March 19, 2003, White House deadline:

1. Tens of millions of dollars had been promised by the American CIA and the Bush White House, to the top generals of Iraq. The contacts with the Iraqi military brass had been started as long ago as October 2002, or even before. Part of the pay-offs were already deposited in secret accounts. The plan, agreed upon by all concerned, was to have the major Iraqi military units permit the U.S. Military to quickly take Baghdad, supposedly with a minimum of U.S. casualties. (A heavily-censored, watered-down story about the pay-offs was titled "U.S. Bribed Iraqi Military Leaders", *The Express*, London, UK, 4/18/3.)

The opposition to the overwhelmingly superior U.S. fire-power was to be by misled, poorly-informed, poorly-organized local Iraqi bands of shooters, what Americans in a U.S. context would call "patriots" or "militia". These highly nationalistically minded would-be "troops", mostly not even in uniforms, without good clothes or shoes, were mowed down by the heavily-armed Americans, killing the Iraqis often twenty or more at a time.

The Iraqis, some as conscripts, fought, as best they could, as any patriotic citizen of a

nation would against foreign invaders attacking their homeland without provocation. History may well describe it as the great slaughter of the innocents.

2. The bought-off Iraqi generals and other top military officers, and their wives and families, were, shortly after the shooting started, flown out of Iraq in U.S. military helicopters. They have been quietly and secretly re-located in the U.S., just as a similar series of events after Persian Gulf War One.

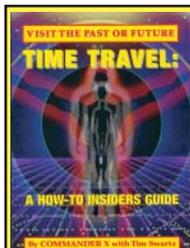
In prior exclusive stories, we told about the four thousand or more Iraqi military intelligence and other military officers as supposed "defectors" quietly re-located, after Persian Gulf War One, to the U.S. The Elder Bush, then president, and perpetuated later by Bush crony Clinton as president, jointly knew that some of these supposed POWs were "double agents". Some two thousand such Iraqis, and their wives and children, were set up in Oklahoma City, their housing, food, clothing, and such, paid for by the Elder Bush/Clinton administrations and perpetuated by George W. Bush.

"We're rolling out the welcome wagon to prisoners of war, yet our own veterans who fought there are having trouble getting any help" said Congressman Clifford Steans (R-FL).

Said U.S. Senator John Warner (R-VA): "I find it unconscionable that an Iraqi combatant soldier would be admitted into this country under refugee status and be given certain privileges and benefits and, indeed, a job at a time when many, many U.S. veterans...cannot or have not been able to get comparable benefits."

— *FINAL REPORT On The Bombing Of The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building April 19, 1995*, by the Oklahoma Bombing Investigation Committee, published 2001, pages 476-477.

Some two thousand of these Iraqi officers have been housed in Oklahoma City. The chief defense counsel, Stephen Jones, in an unpublicized higher court petition on behalf of defendant Timothy McVeigh, contended that U.S. dissidents, whether they knew it completely or not,



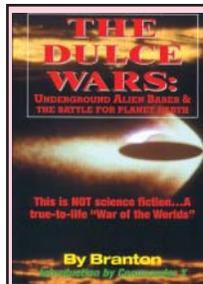
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were domestic surrogates for a secret Iraqi operation to get revenge on the U.S. for the Persian Gulf War One. Attorney Jones' 185-page court filing, amazingly, referred to both the public and SECRET McVeigh court record. (See, for example, our website series of stories on McVeigh.)

3. The wire service, United Press International, owned wholly or in part by the American CIA, suddenly ran a story on 4/10/03: "Saddam Key In Early CIA Plot", telling how Saddam, as a young man, became part of a CIA assassination squad to snuff out Iraqi leaders, paving the way for Saddam as dictator. Hey! Why did the CIA suddenly, at this late date, tell us this, through their puppet wire-service fakers?

In 1916, with the downfall of the Turkish Ottoman Empire, the victorious British took over Mesopotamia as a protectorate. In so doing they more or less tried to weld together three countries, as Iraq, made up of warring tribes, religions, and groups. By the 1930s, recognizing failure, the Brits dumped Iraq. During World War Two, oil-rich Iraq and Iran were both pro-Hitler monarchist types, an inviting target for the Nazis to try to over-run Cairo and seize the Middle East.

After the war, a sizeable political party was the Communist Party of Iraq. To combat them and assassinate pro-Moscow Reds was the purpose of the American CIA and the Ba'ath political party and the installation of dictator Saddam, who kept the warring factions within Iraq together as one nation, using savagery and an iron fist against dissidents.

4. In the 1980s, Daddy Bush and Saddam Hussein were private business partners, sharing billions and billions of dollars from shaking down the weak, oil-soaked sheikdoms of the Gulf. The foreign bank records showing this became the subject of an publicized suit in the Federal Courts in Chicago. I was the only journalist attending the hearing and writing an exclusive story about it. (See our website story "The Secrets Of Timothy McVeigh".)

This vast extortion horde became the secret subject of a U.S. Treasury Internal Affairs unit inquiry examining the 25 secret worldwide accounts of the Bush Crime Family, jointly held loot with Saddam Hussein. For example, the Bushs had a One Hundred Billion Dollar joint account with the Queen of England, at her private bank, Coutts Bank London. These transactions were done with the aid of Federal Reserve Commissar Alan Greenspan, using his secret authorization code. The authenticated documents and the details are in our research series "Greenspan Aids And Bribes Bush".

Prior to the actual shooting "war" starting March 20, 2003, billions and billions of dollars of this Bush/Saddam extortion loot was transferred through the Royal Bank of Jordan, in part to the Central Bank of Iraq. (The Kingdom of Jordan has been a recipient of huge funds for more than 40 years from the American CIA. The Royal Bank of Jordan is a form of reputed CIA proprietary. (See our "Overthrow" series, Kingdom of Jordan Link, Part 25.)

On May 6, 2003, the *New York Times* ran a heavily-censored, watered-down story how upwards of one billion dollars of this was extracted by Saddam's son just before the shooting started. The *New York Times* did not bother to remind themselves of their earlier story about the possibility of huge amounts of U.S. paper currency, found in Iraq, might be counterfeit. (See other parts of this series as to superior quality counterfeit U.S. money.)

5. It should come as no surprise to those who are well-informed and NOT naive, that Saddam has been playing dirty games, against his own people, for the benefit of the American CIA, while Saddam was/is supposedly "an enemy".

Saddam, prior to the shooting started in Persian Gulf War Two, reportedly ended up in Switzerland, to have his face changed by expert plastic surgeons. From there, he was transported to Paris, where the French CIA can use him, if they see fit, to blackmail the

Bush White House to get a piece of the post-Iraq War oil treasure and re-construction. After all, Saddam is an eyewitness whose direct testimony could put Daddy Bush and Junior Bush in prison and/or public ridicule, as war criminals, as having invaded another nation without legal or U.S. Constitution basis. The leaked out Bush Crime Family

worldwide secret accounts are, in part, by way of Saddam's half-brother in Switzerland. The Bush Crime Family, in transferring just a small part of this loot for the exile of Saddam, are keeping Saddam from his "proper" portion that he would be "entitled to" as a private business partner of Daddy Bush in shake-down and extortion.

Cynical lawyers might point out, however, that a falling out of thieves cannot be a subject of a court partnership damage suit, since under American law it would be "against public policy", sort of like a bank robber, caught by a policeman, suing for "brutality".

6. Some items, some summarized, that have to be considered:

- Supervised by Daddy Bush, George W. Bush has committed treason against the American people, which is becoming more and more known by those overseas.

- There was no basis in international law, United Nations rules, or the U.S. Constitution, for the attack on Iraq, there being, apparently, no weapons of mass destruction, and Saddam Hussein had already gone into exile.

- The so-called "war" was a fraud and a sham. Unfortunately, the American newsmakers are concealing that U.S. casualties in the conflict were much, much greater than the monopoly press announces. **Some estimate that upwards of 800 Americans perished—U.S. military, American CIA clandestine, out-of-uniform types, Special Forces, and other Special American operatives—and as many as five thousand of the same wounded.**

- The Iraqi oil treasure, second largest in the world, is to be used as collateral to support U.S. out-of-control debt, to aid Bush in seeking to give a huge tax cut to the very wealthy. An additional purpose, if not the actual main one, is that the Iraqi oil treasure is to head-off (maybe actually impossible to sidestep), the downfall of the U.S. Dollar and the looming possible default of U.S. Treasury securities, 40% of which currently are owned by the Japanese and the Saudi Royal Family (both, since 1973, having THEIR U.S. Treasury paper backed by U.S. Gold, not so for ordinary Americans).

- Is some of the billions, turned over to Saddam by the Bush Crime Family, proceeds of their joint extortion loot, actually superior quality counterfeit U.S. paper money? (See earlier parts of this series for related items.) Is Saddam, savvy about this, in the process of dumping this phoney baloney money BACK onto the U.S., aiding the British in their long-time plans to destroy the U.S. Central Government? (Read this series from Part One to present.)

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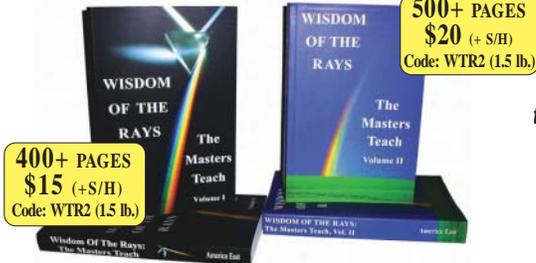
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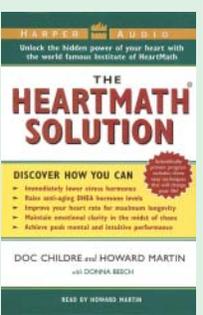
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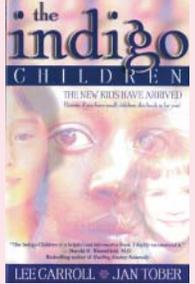
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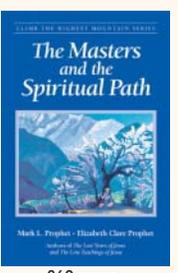
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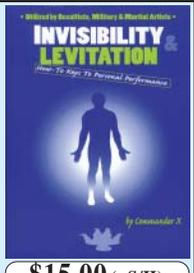


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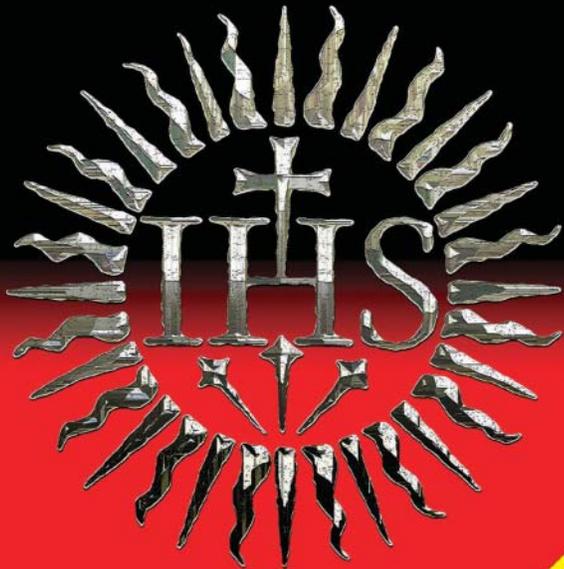


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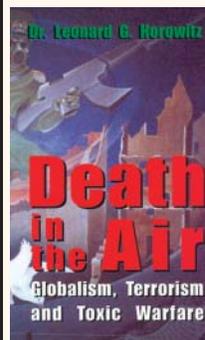
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