

October 22, 2012

The End of the Road...

Hello Every One!

This is IT! After 15 years of global networking of over 60,000 pages of material of all kinds, and after a 3-month lull, aside from the weekly Meditation Focuses which I hope most of you still enjoy and join in whenever possible, I've come to realize that the other activities I now carry here in Quebec makes it nearly impossible for me to continue preparing and networking the huge compilations I used to put together for all of you. So unless I feel extraordinarily compelled to send you more such material before the end of this year, when I'll cease for good my networking of material through email, then this is most likely the very last compilation you'll receive from me.

I hope you've appreciated the 'ride' over all those years. *I sure did!*

The end of this year will be a major life-changing moment for me. Now that I'm 60, I intend to finally complete the book I've started writing a couple years ago. I also sincerely hope to have more time to enjoy life without feeling the responsibility of keeping my fellow soul journeyers up to date with some of the latest key developments in humanity's saga. Long before the Internet era, I was already a very active Light networker and Peace activist. My bio (<http://www.earthrainbownetwork.com/jean.htm>) alludes to some of the main fora of activities I had, each of them brimming with memories of what my human and soul journey has been so far on this wonderful planet.

But it is far from over for me in term of activism and sharing of whatever I feel prompted to share. I now have the great opportunity to feed on a daily basis the Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/EditionsAriane> - French only) of the Montreal based publisher who has been giving me books to translate over the past 20 years. Since this past July, I no longer translate books, which has left me with a bit more time to tend to my garden and continue with others the time-consuming effort undertaken a year ago here in Quebec to stop our utility company from going ahead with its plan to put smart

meters on every home.

As a conclusion to this final intro, I'd like to mention an aha moment I had this Sunday at the end of the one hour Meditation Focus. It is very simple. Soon there will no longer be human beings on this planet. *There will only be Divine Beings*, aware of their soul Destiny and of their Oneness with All That Is. Humanity is becoming Divinity.

I believe a future of endless wonderful possibilities awaits our souls as we collectively ascend the vibrational 'ladder' towards higher spiritual understanding and achievements. I no longer feel attracted to devote that much attention to the cacaphony of human misery and wrongdoings, which is why most of what comprises this compilation, which I've kept gathering for you over the past 3 months, no longer evokes the feeling of urgency and concern it used to generate. I bet it's the same for you as you are probably weaning yourself like me from this constant background noise to focus more intensely on what we *Know*, deep within, is coming and already transpiring in so many ways in our "reality".

What we focus on grows... As the current Meditation Focus (<http://www.EarthRainbowNetwork.com/FocusArchives/Week43.htm>) theme suggests, let us envision our future Now, and let us be instrumental in its co-manifestation.

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Note: If you are interested to follow what's happening in Quebec regarding the smart meter issue, check the mostly French website <http://www.cqlpe.ca> - The Whole EMF Enchilada - Issue #1 (<http://www.cqlpe.ca/Bulletins/WholeEMFEnchilada1.htm>) and Smart Meters: Correcting the Gross Misinformation (<http://maisonsaine.ca/smart-meters-correcting-the-gross-misinformation/>)

This compilation is archived at
<http://www.earthrainbownetwork.com/Archives2012/pdf/EndOfTheRoad.pdf>

STATS for this compilation: Over 94,000 words and 644 links provided.

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CHECK THIS OUT FIRST

NOTE from Jean: This JUST in!!! I know and trust Jeff. I don't know his contact, Michael Eckstein, in Japan. I hope this is a false rumor. I cannot find ANY media coverage on this. Even in Japan's media. It is hard to imagine that no one else on the Web has been reporting this event that allegedly started FOUR days ago!!! We need confirmation! EVEN Arnie Gundersen has nothing on this on his website at <http://www.fairewinds.com/> - Even in his <<http://www.fairewinds.com/content/podcast-october-21st-2012>>podcast yesterday, he said nothing on this, but talks about "the deteriorating status of Fukushima Daiichi Unit 4" and says that the ground has sunk 30 inches recently at this Unit 4. But you may wish to check his August 9, 2012 video <<http://www.fairewinds.com/content/can-spent-fuel-pools-catch-fire>>Can Spent Fuel Pools Catch Fire? "Regardless of what the nuclear industry claims, a fuel pool fire is possible if the water were to drain from a seismic event."

RED ALERT: FUKUSHIMA SPENT FUEL POOLS EXPLODED, ON FIRE NOW, RADIATION LEVELS SPIKING MASSIVELY (October 22, 2012) <<http://thecontrail.com/profiles/blogs/red-alert-fukushima-spent-fuel-pools-exploded-on-fire-now>><http://thecontrail.com/profiles/blogs/red-alert-fukushima-spent-fuel-pools-exploded-on-fire-now> <<http://www.surfingtheapocalypse.net/forum/index.php?id=266376>><http://www.surfingtheapocalypse.net/forum/index.php?id=266376> Over 30,000 Spent fuel rods are now exposed- REPORTWARNING! This is the worst-case scenario unfolding at Fukushima. According to Michael Eckstein, a researcher who lives only 50 miles from Fukushima, explosions and fires have occurred at spent fuel pools two and four over the past four days and now radiation levels are spiking enormously. THIS IS THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO BECAUSE OF THE THOUSANDS OF TONS OF PLUTONIUM CONTAINED IN THESE SPENT FUEL POOLS. This is now vapourizing into the atmosphere and being disseminated with the winds. Major cloud and radiation spike estimated to hit west coast of USA in two weeks or less. CLIP

If you are ready to let the scales fall off your eyes, then watch and read the following...

Susan Lindauer Talks to WeAreChange Connecticut (October 5, 2012) 15 minutes

STUNNING REVELATIONS! AND AN EMPOWERING MESSAGE AT THE END - A MUST WATCH AND SHARE

<http://youtu.be/YDNqy6BGLZE>

Whistleblower & activist Susan Lindauer talks to WeAreChange Connecticut on her background as a former CIA asset covering events that include 9/11, Libya, Iraq, & much more. If you love what Susan says, then watch <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGI4jfwOmOk>>CIA Asset Susan Lindauer Can Now Speak 10 years after 9-11 AND CHECK ALSO [http://www.wanttoknow.info/911/9-](http://www.wanttoknow.info/911/9-11-whistleblower-susan-lindauer)

11_whistleblower_susan_lindauer BTW. NOTE from Jean: One of the reasons she is allowed to speak now is that she accredits the false theory that thermite explosives brought down WTC 1 & 2. Although Building 7 was indeed controlled-demolished, the 2 main WTC towers were actually turned into fine dust using

<<http://www.drjudywood.com/articles/dew/StarWarsBeam3.html>>The Star Wars Beam Weapons and Star Wars Directed-Energy Weapons (DEW), the same super secret weapon that is now being used in the covert war allegedly <<http://johnkettler.com/ufo-wars-breaking/>>raging since October 2 in the Pacific Ocean against deep ocean-based Reptilian forces and involving an Earth Coalition force - See

<<http://johnkettler.com/ufo-war-3-ufos-destroyed/>>UFO

War–Antarctic & Pacific Oceans! 3 UFOs Vaporized! (OCTOBER 20, 2012)

UFO War Expands–Heavy Action In Antarctic Ocean - assembled in a hurry after a US frigate was destroyed (it disappeared in August in a green beam) by a Reptilian UFO. All of this while the Galactic Federation has 2 planet-size stabilization spaceships – one over each pole our our planet... see <<http://johnkettler.com/etseds-earth-stabilization-survival/>>HERE and <<http://johnkettler.com/etseds-more-earth-stabilization-news/>>HERE – holding it together (check from 5 minutes into <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8hOtBK4KEo>>this video for a confirmation of the current splitting of some tectonic plates and the 5 fold <<http://www.iris.edu/seismon/>>increase of earthquake occurrences worldwide) as we approach the transition point into 4D - we are apparently at 3.9 now... almost there. We live in "interesting" times, isn't it!

According to <<http://johnkettler.com/info/>>John Kettler, the source of these amazing claims, Obama "has NOT been briefed on the UFO War, though the Joint Chiefs of Staff are aware of it."

Breaking: Romney's "Bain Capital" Drug Front For Bush Cartel (Video)
October 15, 2012

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2012/10/15/breaking-romneys-bain-capitol-drug-front-for-bush-cartel-video/>

Romney Candidacy Takes Major Blow as Bain Exposed as Cartel Cash Laundry -- I can't guarantee the video you will see will save your grandchildren or bring back our freedoms. What I can guarantee is this: Anyone who sees this will demand the immediate arrest of Mitt Romney and the entire Bush drug cartel. CLIP - Check also

<http://hidden4thbranch.com/?page_id=305>GENERAL ELECTION Voting Machine Accountability (...) Guess which candidate's son owns part of the corporation making "Hart" Electronic Voting Machines for Ohio?

Romney Exposed (October 15, 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9QA5B6U86s>

Romney's secrecy in business is detailed, and revealed; as well as his role as a drug money launderer for GHW Bush; his connection, through Bush, to CIA death squads in Central America; his role in 9-11; in the murder of US ambassador to Libya, Christopher Stevens; and the significance of his endorsement of and by Cheney. Check also

<http://www.thedarklegacy.com/>

Mormon Women and Mitt Romney's Pregnancy Problem (18 October 12)
MORMON ROMNEY IS A RELIGIOUS FANATIC MASQUERADING AS A SLICK POLITICIAN... DO YOU WANT A GUY LIKE HIM - WHO IS LOVED BY DICK CHENEY - TO HAVE HIS FINGER ON THE TRIGGER FOR GLOBAL THERMONUCLEAR WAR?

<http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/14059-mormon-women-and-mitt-romneys-pregnancy-problem>

(...) According to an account later written anonymously by Sheldon for the LDS women's journal, Exponent II, it was after receiving this counsel from her Williams supporting the potentially life-saving procedure that she experienced an uninvited visit in her hospital from her Mormon bishop at the time, 36-year-old Mitt Romney, who adamantly opposed the abortion. "He regaled me with stories of his sister and her retarded child and what

a blessing the child had been to the family," Sheldon wrote of the incident. "He told me that 'as your bishop, my concern is with the child.'" (...) Last week, as Dushku watched the first of the presidential debates, she saw a competent, even "slick" politician sparring with President Obama, but she also witnessed someone who is a political chameleon. "He's not a man who has anything like a moral core," she says. "He's very loyal to the Mormon church, pays his tithing, is faithful to his wife, and so on, but he doesn't have a set of core values you can count on. I've known him for nearly 40 years. He may have a different suit on, but he hasn't changed. His experience hasn't changed. His performance was very consistent with the Mitt I knew back then. He can't relate to average working women-teachers and nurses and care givers. He's still coming from a place of privilege and entitlement." Peggie Hayes-who doesn't know Dushku-concurs with her assessment. The prospect of Romney becoming president, she says, "is a horrible idea. It would be terrible." She says Romney's recent positioning as a moderate "is a mask." "I've known him since I was 13," she says. The Mormon leader who tried to impose church doctrine on her when she was experiencing some difficult challenges in her life hasn't changed. "Not a bit. That's exactly who he was," she declared. "And that's exactly who he is."

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The normal and special features in this compilation are...

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LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS

The Global Announcement (Oct. 19, 2012) A DREAM SOON TO COME TRUE???

<http://tinyurl.com/8zj89j4>

What if President Obama pulled back the curtain on the secret state? Michael, a reader of Jean Haines' blog, 2012: What's the Real Truth? could not wait for President Obama to make a speech telling the truth about the cabal, world finances, Disclosure, etc., and so he wrote it for him. We might make a few very minor changes, but no matter... the speech has been written for the President.

From: "Larry Stell" (lstell@glasgow-ky.com)

Subject: My Thoughts on the Elections

Date: 21 Oct 2012

Here is a woman from California who is a writer and near retirement age.

This is her thoughts concerning the election, healthcare, the Murder Rate, and other issues you should be interested in.

From: Starhawk (stella@mcn.org)

Here's my latest blog--you can also read it online at
<<http://starhawksblog.org/>><http://starhawksblog.org/>

Elections 2012

Here in California, there's only two more days to register to vote. And if you haven't, I urge you to do so. Now, I have to say my circles of friends and acquaintances include few if any potential Romney voters. But they do include people who are so disaffected, or feel so frustrated, angry and disempowered by the political system, that even the sheer raw theater of it doesn't move them to participate. And others who enjoy saying, "Don't vote, it only encourages them," which is funny but patently untrue in an election year when the far right is working so hard to discourage people from voting. If they're going to such lengths to keep people from the polls, there must be something there that we want!

I'm thinking about an exchange I had with a young woman who was in our job training program last year. We'll call her Shawna. I asked the group if they voted. Shawna said she registered when she turned eighteen, but they sent her the sample ballot, "and I couldn't figure out all that bullshit. I threw it away."

"But Shawna," I said, "Did you know that all over the country, rich white guys are trying every trick in the book to keep young, African-Americans like yourself from voting?"

"They don't have to try," she said, "Cuz I ain't gonna do it!"

Shawna grew up in public housing, on welfare. At eighteen, she's already spent many months incarcerated in juvenile hall. Her boyfriend was murdered, another victim of gang violence. She's bright, and likes to read, but her education did not prepare her well for either college or a job—and those months in juvie didn't help.

I didn't have much success in persuading Shawna that voting was relevant

to her life. Our discussion took place long before this election, and the current crop of propositions wasn't yet on the ballot. But were I able to talk with her today, here's some ways that voting on the issues just here in California might make a difference to her life:

Prop 30 would raise money for better public schools.

Defeating Prop 32 would keep the Koch brother and the corporate power-mongers from effectively excluding the unions and the candidates who back the interests of working people from political power.

Prop 34 would end the death penalty in California! Which inordinately affects people of color.

Prop 36 would reform our horrific 'three strikes you're out'—another issue that is of deep concern to communities of color who are targeted for prison. Right now, a person who is charged with even a nonviolent offense or a petty crime can go to jail for life, with no judicial discretion. The reform would make it so that offenses need to be serious, violent ones. And dramatically reduce the chance that Shawna or her friends would spend a lifetime in prison for some stupid shit they do to be cool at nineteen!

Prop 37 would require labeling of genetically modified foods, giving us all an informed choice about what we eat, and ending the free ride Monsanto and the GMO producing companies have gotten to inflict their unwanted, unsafe and damaging products on the unknowing public.

And that's just the propositions! What about voting for President?

It's true, neither Obama nor Romney espouses my personal ideals nor champions some of my most important issues. But there are many, many ways in which an Obama victory would make life better for Shawna, and for me.

Shawna doesn't want to get pregnant, like so many of her girlfriends have done. Obama and the Democrats stand strong for women's reproductive freedom, for making contraceptives available and part of insured health plans, and for protecting a woman's right to choose. Romney et al have promised to make abortion illegal—some of them have stated in all

circumstances, even rape (because they claim that a woman can't get pregnant if the rape is 'legitimate') or when the woman's life is in danger (they claim it's never in danger from pregnancy!?!). The next President will likely appoint two Supreme Court justices, which will have a huge impact on protecting Roe vs. Wade and many other issues for decades to come.

Shawna is thinking of enlisting in the military. For her, that seems like the best option to some sort of future. While Obama is no pacifist, and continues to support a drone program I find immoral and unconscionable, he did get us out of Iraq. He is moving us out of Afghanistan, more slowly than I'd like, but at least he's moving in the right direction. Romney, on the other hand, objects to any timetable to get out of Afghanistan, and is highly likely to let his warmongering advisers get us into a whole new war with Iran. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate, is closest to my ideals but has no potential to actually win—and if by some miracle she did, she'd have no party backing in Congress, no experience and no clout.

In the Bayview, when there's money for summer jobs and training, the murder rate goes down. When the money dries up, the murder rate climbs. Obama's stimulus resulted in lots of jobs that summer for Shawna and her friends, and fewer deaths. Under Romney, the chances of any money for improving the lives of Mary and her friends are as likely as my becoming a champion girl jockey and winning the Kentucky Derby. Under Obama—especially if we could get the obstructionist Republicans out of the way—we'd see more resources and more hope.

Then there's health care. Under Romney, Mary's best hope of getting health insurance would be to go on welfare and qualify for Medicaid, or succumb to the forces driving young people from her 'hood into prison. As for me, as a self-employed writer closing in on the age where I could soon qualify for Medicare, health insurance remains my single largest expense, more than my house payments, more than food. And that's after dropping down to a minimal policy. Obamacare is not the single payer system I'd prefer and which would make most moral and fiscal sense. But it's hell better than what we've got now, especially for someone who is not part of some big corporation that helps pay for my insurance. And should Romney get in and turn Medicare into a private voucher system it would have a devastating affect on my chances of avoiding a destitute old age!

Beyond Obama and Romney, think what a Republican victory would say about us, the people of the United State. If Romney wins, no matter by how small a margin or by how many dirty tricks and miscounted ballots, his folks will claim a mandate for the most extreme, right-wing policies. It would vindicate the right of the 1% to skim the cream and leave the dregs for the rest of us. The lies, the trickery, the influence of immense wealth, the voter-suppression tactics, the intimidation, the cheating and the overt and covert racism will all be rewarded.

And don't try to tell me that under a Romney presidency, things will get so bad that people will finally rise up and make a revolution. I've been hearing that since Nixon ran against Humphrey in 1968, and you know what—it's never happened, yet. Never even gotten close. Under a really bad, right-wing President things get worse, and people get more discouraged, more downtrodden, more hopeless and more apathetic. Organizing and motivating people to take action gets harder, not easier!

If Obama wins, it will show that the American people want something else—a place where the playing field is leveled, where everybody gets a fair chance. That doesn't mean I'm under the illusion that Obama will give it to us. He'll do what's doable—and it will be up to us to make it not only doable but inescapable. Not in the voting booth, but in all the places where we organize and agitate and protest and build alternatives. That's never easy—but under Obama the conditions for organizing will be far better than under Romney, if only because hope disappointed is more galvanizing than despair confirmed.

Elections are not the arena where I express my ideals---I do that in the garden, and in my writing, and in the streets. Elections are where I get pragmatic, because they do matter, and the differences between the candidates can mean life or death to folks like Shawna and to me.

So if you're not voting out of principle, or you're in a swing state refusing to vote for Obama because of his real failures to live up to the values he originally espoused, I'd ask you just to stop for a moment and think about Shawna. Think about me--and not just the impact on my mental health of having to watch that snide, lying, con artist for the next four years! Include in your ideals the real-life impact a Republican victory would have on a young black woman from the inner city, on an aging writer, on hundreds and thousands of other folks here and around the world for

whom the nuances of difference might mean life or death.

Then vote your conscience. But for Goddess sake, get off your high horse and your butts and get out there and vote!

Here's a couple of links to people who have said this all far more eloquently than me:

Daniel Ellsberg. "Defeat Romney, Without Illusions About Obama."

<<http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/14054-focus-defeat-romney-without-illusions-about-obama>><http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/14054-focus-defeat-romney-without-illusions-about-obama>

Stephen Zunes. "My Support for Ralph Nader: Ten Years Later: Lessons Learned."

<<https://www.commondreams.org/view/2010/11/01>><https://www.commondreams.org/view/2010/11/01>

Rebecca Solnit. "The Rain on Our Parade: A Letter to my Dismal Allies."

<http://www.tomdispatch.com/blog/175598/tomgram%3A_rebecca_solnit,_we_could_be_heroes/>http://www.tomdispatch.com/blog/175598/tomgram%3A_rebecca_solnit,_we_could_be_heroes/

KQED Guide to the California Propositions:

<<http://www.kqed.org/news/politics/election2012/statepropositions-guide.jsp>><http://www.kqed.org/news/politics/election2012/statepropositions-guide.jsp>

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Path.

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THE QUOTES

"Be still now and listen, for your chance may not come again. For many years your scientists, governments and generals have not heeded our warnings; they have continued to experiment with the evil forces of what you call nuclear energy. Atomic bombs can destroy the earth, and the beings of your sister worlds, in a moment. The wastes from atomic power systems will poison your planet for many thousands of your years to come. We, who have followed the path of evolution for far longer than you, have long since realized this - that atomic energy is always directed against life. It has had no peaceful application. Its use, and research into its use, must be ceased at once, or you all risk destruction. All weapons of evil must be removed. The time of conflict is now past. The race of which you are a part may proceed to the highest planes of evolution if you show yourselves worthy to do this. You have but a short time to learn to live together in peace and goodwill. Small groups all over the planet are learning this, and exist to pass on the light of the dawning new age to you all. You are free to accept or reject their teachings, but only those who learn to live in peace will pass to the higher realms of spiritual evolution. (...) You must learn to be sensitive to the voice within that can tell you what is truth, and what is confusion, chaos and untruth. Learn to listen to the voice of truth which is within you and you will lead yourselves on to the path of evolution. This is our message to our dear friends. We have watched you growing for many years as you too have watched our lights in your skies. You know now that we are here, and that there are more beings on and around your earth than your scientists admit. We are deeply concerned about you and your path towards the light and will do all we can to help you. Have no fear, seek only to know yourselves, and live in harmony with the ways of your planet earth."

– Voice of GRAMAHA, the representative of the Asta [Ashtar] Galactic Command, which overrode, on 26 Nov 77 at 5:12 pm, the TV signals from

five transmitters in England. To review the whole message, go at http://www.skygaze.com/content/strange/UFOs_Warning.shtml. To listen to it, go at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNXwiUqW-y4> - Check also I Know My Galactic Family Is Here, Do You? at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulWK-Ni-xiw>

"JK, the history lesson has no relevance as to what is taking place today. I am more concerned about the current activity and the increasing violence that is taking place almost on an hourly bases. For example, eight innocent women were recently killed by a NATO drone, and this is real terrorism. There is no doubt that the recent middle East riots are underpinned by a very evil organization with the express purpose to generate a war; and as I understand it, U.S. marines have been recently sent to Libya in response to riots. So here we go again more foreign troops killing civilians under the pretense of protecting them from organized rioters: Excerpt from this web site: US deploys 12,000 troops in Libya - <http://www.presstv.ir/detail/222317.html> : "Although the deployment is said to be aimed at generating stability and security in the region, the troops are expected to take control of the country's key oil fields and strategic ports. Brega, the site of an important oil refinery, serves as a major export hub for Libyan oil. The town is also one of the five oil terminals in the eastern half of the country." The Israeli war chanting is disgusting in every sense of the word. Iran is not a threat and their people are a very cultured society that do not want war. What we did to Iraq was outright murder of the Iraqi civilians, the destruction of their infrastructure and the pillage of their national resources and that is the plan for Iran plain and simple. My question, is what if anything is being done by the so called guys whomever they may be, off world and/or earth bound?"

- Tom M (September 19, 2012) -- Taken from <http://johnkettler.com/ufo-blown-to-bits-gulf-war/#comment-24924>>HERE commenting on UFO Wiped Out Following Buzzing Incident & Psionic Attack On U.S.S. Wisconsin Battle Group

"What we do each moment has a powerful impact on life. Each choice we make, and each we ignore, adds to the collective experience. Where we place our attention and what we contemplate becomes our reality. The

power of our mind is amazing, yet nothing compares to what we can do when we come from our heart. Coming from love makes the real difference. True freedom is found in the giving and receiving of love. It is in the unconditional acts of kindness we choose to share with others and also receive from one another. Such is the experience of love: a balance of giving and receiving from the heart. No thing compares to the beauty and expression of this dynamic energy. We carry this potential every moment. Every step we take and thought we engage holds the potential to love. It is as simple as breathing - we merely hold the intent of love in our consciousness and love takes care of the rest. Knowing love is possible, regardless of the appearance, places the choice before us. Kindness, forgiveness and compassion are easy when we understand the gift of love. It begins with the self. The more we accept and love ourselves, the more we understand others. When we see our limitations and can change our beliefs and perspectives, we begin to realize our reflection in others. In the same way, when we extend a helping hand, a smile, or a comforting word to another, these acts of love heal all involved. This is not a difficult journey, yet it requires our willingness to go beyond our personal limitations and trust that love prevails. Realize today that love is possible and you begin the journey of a lifetime filled with this radiant energy. Everywhere you go and all you touch will be filled with its essence. Be love and you will surely experience the freedom of love."

– Harold W. Becker - <<http://TheLoveFoundation.com/>>The Love Foundation

"In a world where we've co-opted our Soul, as a kind of prerequisite for being here 'in the world', we are now waking up to the bigger picture. In that bigger picture, as Michael Mead says, the Soul comes in aimed at something - it has a destiny, a purpose. Further more that destiny, when fulfilled, enhances the world as a whole - you and I and the Universe all fit together. Become the Universe, Occupy your Soul!"

- Zackoree Harrison (zackoree@gmail.com) commenting on this video : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZRVaSTg-DM>

"Because the energy momentum of world transformation cannot be slowed or detoured, stability will emerge out of all current turmoil. Ideologies and philosophies that have perpetuated fear and divisiveness

are on the wane, and those cornerstones of duality will cease altogether when the planet enters the lower planes of fourth density, around the end of this year. By then, everything that emits low vibrations will cease. This includes rulers of tyrannical regimes or cultures that deny women God-given and civil rights; Satanists; the controllers of your advanced technologies who have used them for destructive purposes; principals in the Vatican; individuals who still are censoring information or ordering the production of films that glorify war or portray aliens as monstrous invaders. How can almost inconceivably monumental changes in conditions and behavior come about by the end of your year? Only light-filled persons will be living on Earth then. In the meantime, there will be confusion and commotion. Many apple carts are going to be upset as changes initiated. There will be negotiations to end combat and the leaving of troops, the return of refugees to their homes. Laws, policies, regulations and practices that are unjust or injurious will be overturned, including unfair taxation rates. Redistribution of the wealth in your world will ease, then end the unconscionable disparity between the few and the masses. Other major changes will come incrementally after the planet enters fourth density. Members of your universal family will be assisting you in efforts that require technologies, such as elimination of all sources of pollution in your air, waters, and soil and other environmental restoration processes as well as new forms of power and transportation. Your leaders, all of whom will have spiritual and moral integrity, will continue to add or amplify reform measures, and Earth will continue her return to her original paradise self and a moderate climate globally. All of those differences from life as you've known it are dramatic indeed, but it is your expanding consciousness and spiritual clarity that will bring about the most stunning personal changes as you ascend with Earth through fourth density and into fifth. Along the way you will obtain perfect health and re-grow missing limbs and organs. Not only will you overcome the effects common to aging, but those in advanced years gradually will become younger. You will communicate telepathically with souls elsewhere in the universe, travel astrally, and visit beloved people in Nirvana. Through visualization, you will learn to manifest whatever you want. In short, you will be using the innate powers you always have had as your birthright, and you will take your rightful place within our universal family of multidimensional, eternal souls."

– Message from Matthew July 4, 2012- which also covers the following topics: Arrests imminent; world leaders and ETs negotiating, attendees

include Illuminati; areas of progress; Obama; everything based in darkness to cease by year end; interim reform initiation; changes after planet enters fourth density; reason for delay of ET landings; responsibilities to self. To read the whole message, go at <http://www.matthewbooks.com/mm/anmviewer.asp?a=150&z=2> and to review previous and later messages go at <http://matthewbooks.com/mattsmmessage.htm>

« If I had my child to raise over again
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less
I would do less correcting and more connecting
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes
I would care to know less and know to care more
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars
I'd do more hugging and less tugging
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often
I would be firm less often and affirm much more
I'd model less about the love of power
And more about the power of love. »

– Diane Loomans

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WORTH NOTING RIGHT AWAY

Build up to WW3 ~ Warships Ready & Waiting (October 5, 2012)
<http://geraldcelentechannel.blogspot.ca/2012/10/build-up-to-ww3-warships-ready-waiting.html>

The US Navy has unexpectedly dispatched a fourth aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf, along with a fleet of underwater drones in what is being considered just the latest move in a series of escalations leading towards a potential war with Iran.

'It Is Our Soul': The Destruction of Aleppo, Syria's Oldest City (October 05, 2012) <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article32656.htm>

Absurdity of West's Syria Narrative - George Galloway
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZalY0r53-2c>

Welcome to the Anthropocene
<http://vimeo.com/39048998>

In June 2012, "Welcome to the Anthropocene"—a film about the state of the planet—opened the UN's Rio+20 summit on sustainable development. The summit was the largest UN meeting to date. A 3-minute journey through the last 250 years of our history, from the start of the Industrial Revolution to the Rio+20 Summit. The film charts the growth of humanity into a global force on an equivalent scale to major geological processes. More on the Anthropocene at
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropocene>

The Cove: Sign the Petition to Help Save Japan's Dolphins

<http://www.takepart.com/actions/cove-help-save-japans-dolphins>

The yearly massacre in has not been stopped yet. Let us all join forces to stop this insanity.

If you have not watched this award winning movie yet, you may do so at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkBBfknr4eE>

Check also <http://opsociety.org> and <http://savejapandolphins.org/>

Notes From the Trail by Steve Bhaerman (October 2012) A convoluted stand by Swami/Steve

http://www.aquarius-atlanta.com/articles/?issue=10-2012&i=1496&article=notes_from_the_trail

"Of course there's a difference between the two political parties. The Republicans bend over backwards for corporations and special interests. The Democrats are exactly the opposite. They bend over forward." - Swami Beyondananda

Israeli leaders meet Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in NYC (26 sept. 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCw-oWp1wf8>

This video is banned for broadcast on News Networks in USA, Israel and Europe. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that Israel and US does not want you to

see. Jewish leaders and prominent businessmen Greet Ahmadinejad with Inshallah and Bless him for long life. Jews have lived in Iran for thousands of years. Over 50,000 Jews live in Teheran. Israeli Jews Love Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Scientist warns of Fuji eruption chaos (Oct 13, 2012)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-10-13/fears-mount-fuji-ready-to-erupt/4311404>

A Japanese scientist has warned Mount Fuji is due for a "big-scale explosive eruption" that could affect millions of people and cause billions of dollars worth of damage.

FACTS OF FICTION? YOU DECIDE

From: <http://johnkettler.com/extraterrestrial-war-vignettes/>

Extraterrestrial War? Real–With Real Casualties!

BY JOHN KETTLER ON AUGUST 26, 2012 -

<<http://johnkettler.com/extraterrestrial-war-vignettes/#comments>>169
COMMENTS

Extraterrestrial warfare has nothing to do with that cute little guy in the Spielberg movie, E.T. Rather, we are talking about an extraterrestrial war sometimes raging in dozens of dimensions simultaneously, of Dark Forces of staggering size, unparalleled ferocity and determination, of Liberation Forces coming from different timelines, different universes and places so much better off than we are they have trouble even fathoming how bad it is here. This extraterrestrial war features not only the usual combat maneuvering, but involves such exotica as strikes from other dimensions, timeline jumping and even attacking from the super distant past.

Extraterrestrial War? Real–With Real Casualties!

“There’s a war on!” How many times have I ringingly stated that in reply to comments and interview questions? “Why don’t the

ETs/EDs(extraterrrestrials/ extradimensionals) do this, solve that? Please tell us the races involved.” Some are quite insistent, but I can be remarkably intransigent when I need to be. ” I don’t give out Order of Battle information in the middle of a war.”

I’d hoped to present a detailed discussion of the mechanics and dynamics of an extraterrestrial space battle, but my interviewee (a senior commander) just got back from one and is whatever lies beyond utterly exhausted. Instead, I’m providing a series of vignettes or snapshots of some recent extraterrestrial combat by the Liberation Forces. In this way, I can convey a real sense of what’s going on—all the time—while protecting all manner of sensitive operational information.

In a recent battle, the Liberation Forces sustained 15% losses from ~1000 ships and “hundreds” of casualties. Happily, these were major hospitalizations and not fatalities. Let me put that number into perspective. Any force intending to sustain combat operations can’t stand ongoing, per battle losses of more than 3% per engagement. The World War II Schweinfurt-Regensburg second mission took over 20% losses! The daylight air campaign over Germany was suspended for five months as a direct result of these staggering losses and nearly ended daylight bombing by the U.S. altogether.

15% losses are by no means as bad as it’s gotten in the extraterrestrial battles, for there’s been one in which it was more like 40%, with fatalities in the hundreds. Now a fatality there isn’t quite the same as a fatality here, in that the extraterrestrial/ extradimensionals of the Liberation Forces have the technology and means to bring back the dead, but it’s a very involved and long process, so better not to take the losses in the first place. Further, time passes faster on their end, so a critical injury which takes months on their end to recuperate from, is over in about a week here. Good news for our side!

And what of the extraterrestrial Dark Forces? They have sustained single battle ship losses as high as 80%, and in other extraterrestrial operations have lost as many as five motherships and 75,000 Reptoids in a solar nuclear ambush, previously chronicled here on JKI. Yet, in recent battles, it’s taken over 1000 ships of the Liberation Forces to hold off 400 Reptoid ships. In that extraterrestrial battle, it took 60% losses on their end to get them to withdraw. This is an implacable extraterrestrial foe who will not

stop until forced to, to which end operations of astounding daring and leverage have been mounted. That will be the subject of another post another time. Here's how the Ground Contingent of part of the Liberation Forces characterized the Reptoids' ships and their attitude:

"Being bullies, their ships are not designed for maneuver, but for crushing, destroying and stomping to effectively stop evolution. They, too, have evolved, though. Over time, they downsized their ships so they can move more swiftly, but have not had any concern about our pipsqueak forces ever stopping them. All our battles gain us is the right to live. We only stop them; we have never defeated their enormous hordes." Maybe it's time they had concern, for the tide has slowly begun to turn since the above was written. Victories are being won in the extraterrestrial war.

Extraterrestrial War–The Good News!

Given the losses the Liberation Forces have sustained, it's a splendid thing that extraterrestrial allies have arrived from all over, bringing fleets of ships, whole armies and technology so advanced I won't even try to describe it. By all over, I mean from different timelines and even from an unimaginably distant past. Creator Beings, some only recently restored to relatively normal functioning, have contributed mightily to the war effort. They have made possible the impossible, folding the Space/Time continuum to help bring in enormously powerful allies and wreaking havoc on high tech occult forces–hitting them where they live.

Extraterrestrial War–Summing It Up

So, now you know more than all the governments of the world put together about the ongoing extraterrestrial war (until their people read this, at least). Perhaps now the UFO secrets seem trivial to you, but it's all of a piece. "As above, so below." We can't sort out our problems here until the causes extraterrestrial, extradimensional and extratemporal are addressed. Sorry, but that's how it is.

Note from Jean: It is worth exploring the <<http://johnkettler.com/extraterrestrial-war-vignettes/comment-page-8/#comments>>comments too... LOTS of stunning stuff there!

What I gather from this amazing perspective into the incredible efforts made by those "Liberation Forces" to prevent these dark reptilians from running rough shod over the entire universe - and our little Earth garden in the Milky Way - is how well protected and privileged we are to be able to enjoy life without having to worry about being obliterated by these powerful legions from hell. Quite humbling! But also I gather that from the cauldron of this beloved planet/sphere of evolutionary learning can and will emerge souls that shall ultimately bring back balance and Harmony in this universe. What we are being trained for and the choices we make at this very point in the Time Continuum are key to the ultimate liberation of zillions of other souls from the dark, choking hold of fear and Entropy. We are the Golden Prize worth defending with the physical lives of many souls from across this universe, and from many dimensions and time periods... It just puts into a very vital perspective how important it is we succeed in our Life Mission, whatever it may be, for in the very long run, so much hinges on our mastering of the Divine Forces Within that it is simply mind-boggling... HERE IS MORE ON THIS!

From: <http://johnkettler.com/etseds-earth-stabilization-survival/>

ETs/EDs & Earth Stabilization = Survival!

BY JOHN KETTLER -- SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

ETs/EDs--What Are They Doing For Us?

ETs/EDs (extraterrestrials/ extradimensionals) of the Liberation Forces figure prominently on this site. Yet, despite seemingly endless reassurances and evidence that they are doing something, over and above fighting a raging multidimensional war, people still keep asking "What are the ETs/EDs doing for us?" So, I've decided to share a direct experience I recently had, as a result of a truly remarkable visit to what I'll call a Planetary Stabilization Ship, or PSS.

The ETs/EDs of the Liberation Forces operate a bunch of special purpose ships. Per what I was told by Ground Contingent, these vessels are enormously expensive, are custom built at starbases by other ETs/EDs who do such highly demanding work. The stakes can be nothing less than

species survival, for two such dedicated ships are keeping this planet from ripping asunder!

ETs/EDs & The High Tech Glue That Holds Us Together

For some time, I'd been hearing from Ground Contingent for the ETs/EDs about giant craft, over both Poles, which were holding Earth together. Eventually, I got intrigued, so paid a bilocated visit to the one over the North Pole, skippered by the courteous, yet firm Commander C., who is a most effective cross between a ship's captain and a full blown scientific technocrat.

His ship, no name given, is roughly 1/3 the diameter of the Earth, and would tear Earth apart via gravitational attraction, were it in the 3rd Dimension. It's not, and I won't be saying in which dimension it resides. What's important aren't detailed specifications, crew size and all that. They are as nothing compared to what this ship, and its twin, does for us. They have kept the planet from completely flying apart—unless you consider, say, three weeks of continuous Magnitude 8 or greater quakes and the eruption of practically every volcano, amid stupendous lightning discharges, on the planet to be a good thing! The reality is this: Earth, because of energy influx in a bunch of forms, together with internal processes, would, if not positively controlled, catastrophically expand and destroy us. Since this would undo an immense amount of blood, sweat, tears and staggering resources expended to save planet and people from natural and/or deliberate destruction, the ETs/EDs of the Liberation Forces directly intervened. The high tech glue that holds us together consists of the two Planetary Stabilization Ships. What they do is so amazing I still have trouble believing it.

How The ETs/EDs Handle Environmental Modeling and Intervention

Those of you who've seen the first Star Wars™ film may recall the smallish holographic display of the Death Star. Now, imagine Earth as a hologram, a 20 foot diameter hologram, rendered in laser sharp detail, with every tectonic boundary, fault and fissure on display or displayable; with every volcano and its eruption status displayed; with environmental disasters, developing situations, planetary remediation efforts and more all there to see or access.

Imagine further this stunning display is surrounded on all sides and constantly surveilled by crack teams located in ascending, then progressively protruding transparently fronted tiers, such that there is no place on the whole hologram where multiple analysts and their superiors can't see. The ETs/EDs very carefully worked out the ergonomics of this facility, with the overhead plan being one of wedges with aisles, and the working surfaces are fitted with virtual displays. This amazing room, on a highly specialized vessel the ETs/EDs had specifically and expensively purpose built for us, is staffed (talking hundreds of humanoid ETs/EDs) around the clock, with personnel in reserve for crises, too. There have been many, and we are still here because the ETs/EDs have stopped one disaster after another, whether natural or deliberate, from ensuing. Also, they have repeatedly intervened to stop bad situations from getting worse. When was the last major quake with mass casualties? I'm am Earth sensitive, monitor such things and know of one in a period of many months. That's no accident!

ETs/EDs, Energy Nets & Strange Sewing

The huge ultra high resolution hologram the ETs/EDs built was breathtaking. That, though, was as nothing comparing to watching the ETs/EDs use it. Active faults at dangerous strain levels were either bled off or sewn together by craft using energy stitches of golden light. Quakes about to occur were redirected to less destructive locations, at lower intensities, preventing wholesale disasters. The toxic outpourings of ever greater volcanism were removed from the atmosphere and sent to some other harmless, not of this dimension, location, else we would've largely had to cease air travel and possibly choked to death long since. Cleanups of lakes, rivers and oceans were also shown, together with rigorous nuclear contamination and hazard monitoring, with ongoing cleanup under way in several areas. So, hundreds of ETs/EDs are directly involved in continuous, vital nonmilitary activities on our behalf—without counting all the ongoing remediation efforts.

What caught my eye, though, was the, for want of a better term, energy mesh or net containing the entire planet. The PSSs generate this net. By carefully managing how tight it is and where, they are able to let the planet gradually expand to bleed off internal volcanic pressure and relieve seismic strain. Earth's overall state, within this mesh, is monitored in real time by the ETs/EDs of the PSS via an incredible array of sensors and by

teams task organized by functional area. I perceived this incredible subtly pulsing net as consisting of weird admixture of dove gray (the carrier, if you will) and red (the energy mesh which contains our planet).

When Ground Contingent says the ships the ETs/EDs have over the Poles are holding the planet together, that is exactly what's meant.

From: <http://johnkettler.com/etseds-more-earth-stabilization-news/>

ETs/EDs Present—More Vital Earth Stabilization News!

BY JOHN KETTLER ON OCTOBER 9, 2012

ETs/EDs (extraterrestrials/ extradimensionals) of the Liberation Forces have recently provided me a wealth of new details regarding their program to ease Earth through the transition to 4th dimension. This information comes both directly and indirectly through the ETs/EDs of the Liberation Forces and is only briefly sourced through my sensitive terrestrial contacts.

ETs/EDs Answer Your Questions About Planetary Stabilization Ships

Since I published my first astounding post on the amazing, mind boggling Earth Stabilization effort by the ETs/EDs and the mighty Planetary Stabilization Ships (PSS—one at each Pole) used to stabilize Earth, I have received many answers to the questions which came pelting in via Comments. Therefore, I've elected to break format and handle some of this as Question & Answer. I believe this will help clarity and somewhat meter the deluge of stunning information.

Q. How long have the PSS of the ETs/EDs been in place?

A. Approximately five (5) years.

Q. Does Earth military know?

A. Some parts are distantly aware.

Q. Why don't the Reptoids attack the PSS? They can't be missed, being 1/3 the size of Earth, right?

A. They are here, one PSS at each Pole, with the explicit permission of the principal Reptoid faction.

Q. How can that possibly be true? Why would they permit such a thing?

A. It serves the faction members, since they don't care about Earth, save as a place to continue their insane Domination & Control game. Having another power (the ETs/EDs of the Liberation Forces) stabilize the planet and bear the vast expense to do so suits the Reptoids just fine.

Q. What do you mean expense? I thought the ETs/EDs don't have money?

A. Everything costs something, even for the ETs/EDs—in time, energy, resources and lost opportunities, if nothing else. The Ferengi of “Star Trek: The Next Generation” are both real ETs/EDs and ceaselessly acquisitive. Worlds have their own internal economies, but these worlds must also interact with other worlds. Trade among the ETs/EDs exists everywhere, creating trade lines which need protection, in turn requiring a space navy and all that entails. Replicators require crystals which must be replaced, so supplies of said crystals must be obtained and supplied regularly. Ditto propulsion systems, weapons, ship management systems and much more. Personnel must be trained, housed, clothed and fed. Even if they're not paid per se, they still require economic support. Personnel from a key part of the ETs/EDs comprising the Liberation Forces receive no pay, but, as Beneficiaries, they do receive whopping distributions from financial entities similar to Earth's Common-Law Trusts, entities established by their dynastic families. It may sound strange, but part of this war is being financed by large scale entertainment operations run off planet by ETs/EDs!

Q. You mentioned a dimensional transition earlier, one where the ETs/EDs are providing vital assistance to keep everything from coming catastrophically unstuck, right? So, what dimension are we currently in? How close are Earth and her people to transitioning into the 4th Dimension?

A. Multiple sources in the Liberation Forces say we're presently in Dimension 3.9. The thinning of the dimensional veil is allowing more and more people to see and interact with what was previously unknown. Expect future posts on this topic!

Q. How did we get the PSS in the first place?

A. The Galactic Federation (not to be confused with the scam/sham Galactic Federation of Light) provided the PSS as a result of vast political maneuvering conducted under the auspices of the Universities of Evolution. Earth is multiply strategic, and the fate of many worlds is tied to Earth's survival. Therefore, a whole group of worlds of ETs/EDs at risk has provided these two all but incomprehensible scientific-technical marvels, together with officers and crews well past highly trained.

Q. How highly trained? Please explain.

A. The skipper, Commander C., spent hundreds of Earth years simply to become a starship commander. Many more years went into learning and mastering the specially-developed-for-Earth technologies which literally hold the planet together. For more on that, please see the previous post (link above). The crew, with people constantly cycling in and out, because there are so many demands for certain limited skills, underwent hundreds of years of training, too.

Q. Are the PSS armed?

A. They are, but I don't know the details. They are also heavily shielded.

Q. Has anyone ever shot at them?

A. Yes! Rebel Reptoids here on Earth have shot at them from three different locations. I chronicled the destruction of the targeting system for one of these in my post <http://johnkettler.com/anti-ufo-weapon-destroyed/> here. I believe the other facilities have been hit, too.

ETs/EDs Define The Critical Planetary Stabilization Tasks

Per both the ETs/EDs of the Liberation Forces and one of the Ground Contingents, the PSS are carrying out the following critical functions. If

they fail, we're done for!

1. Limit crustal displacement from Pole migration to no more than seven (7) inches at a time. This is NOT the same as the ongoing (40 miles a year movement) of Magnetic North. That has forced the renumbering of runways and major changes to air navigation. Why? A bigger movement will trigger a sudden, massive Pole shift, a la Charles Hapgood. It'd generate such ferocious winds we'd reportedly lose our atmosphere as a result.

2. Limit quakes to no greater than Magnitude 8.3. Doing this prevents the planet from coming unstuck seismically, which would result in what Sunfire (with whom I have NOT had a falling out; she was needed by the ETs/EDs of the Liberation Forces) termed "weeks and weeks of Magnitude 8 or greater quakes globally." Needless to say, such a scale of planetary convulsions would wipe out civilization worldwide.

3. Limit volcanic activity and transfer the ash and poisonous gases from the numerous eruptions into a safe place in another dimension. Were the ETs/EDs on the PSS not doing this, we'd have long since been asphyxiated.

So, the next time someone asks "What are the ETs/EDs doing for us?" remember this post. Without the ETs/EDs of the Liberation Forces and their extraordinary Planetary Stabilization Ships, life as we know it would long since have ended, and Mad Max's world would've been deemed paradise.

UFOTV: David Adair at Area 51 - Advanced Symbiotic Technology (21 oct. 2010)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=M0wBXNAiOys

Space technology transfer consultant and former rocket whiz kid David Adair speaks out for the first time on camera in this interview about his remarkable encounters with an alien engine, DOD agents, and Air Force General Curtis Lemay in 1971 at Groom Lake, Nevada (Area-51). Hear first hand testimony about advanced alien technology and our military's

most closely guarded secrets surrounding the UFO phenomena. Adair explains how at age 17 he built an electro-magnetic containment plasma fusion rocket engine and was invited by Air Force bigwigs to launch it at White Sands Missal Range. That led to his being taken to Area 51 where he saw an engine that was light years beyond anything on Earth - so sophisticated it responded to the thoughts and emotions of it's pilots. Now, comfortable with the way UFO information is starting to be accepted by the American public, Adair has decided to reveal the amazing truth which he held to himself for over 25 years. Also revealed are his meetings with renowned physicist Stephan Hawkings.

The Colbert Report – Obama on Mars (12 oct. 2012)

<http://youtu.be/rY0jEDgXbKg>

Check also <<http://beforeitsnews.com/election-2012/2012/07/3rd-whistle-blower-confirms-obamas-participation-in-cia-jump-room-program-of-early-1980s-2391720.html?currentSplittedPage=0>>3rd whistle blower confirms Obama's participation in CIA jump room program of early 1980's

UFO War–Veterans Today's Gordon Duff Puts His Head ON The Chopping Block! <http://johnkettler.com/ufo-war-in-the-pacific/> MUCH REVEALED - if one is to believe Kettler...

UFO War–Launch After Attack! (OCTOBER 2, 2012)

<http://johnkettler.com/ufo-wars-breaking/>

(...) The still unnamed Navy warship, now known to be a frigate, disappeared weeks ago in a green beam, "shortly before dusk," after being hit by the craft's weapon, whatever it was. This occurred after the USO (Unidentified Submerged Object) became a UFO–hovering "about a hundred yards" right in front of the frigate, which was "making 20 knots." The UFO, which was pacing the frigate from dead ahead, hit the ship with some sort of white sensing beam, causing "sailors on deck to glow" that color, to which the frigate responded with "several 5 inch guns." This resulted in a strike from the UFO, in a green beam which made everything glow bright green, and when the beam quit glowing, the ship ceased to be." That was when, we now are told, the whole ship's complement died, too. A companion frigate, sailing about "half a mile away," suffered severe GI issues among all personnel topside when the other vessel, whose crew was close to the crew of the companion vessel, vanished while under attack by the now-identified-as-Reptoid UFO. CLIP

UFO War Explodes Through Entire Pacific Ocean! Now A Coalition War!
(OCTOBER 19, 2012)
<http://johnkettler.com/ufo-war-now-covers-entire-pacific-exploding-story/>

Is Alien UFO false flag invasion on the way? (SEPTEMBER 19, 2012)
<http://www.examiner.com/article/is-alien-ufo-false-flag-invasion-on-the-way>

According to Gordon Duff, senior editor of Veterans Today, intelligence sources are revealing that hostile extraterrestrials are militarily engaging with world naval forces. In an article, provocatively titled, "<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2012/09/17/ufo-war-chinese-and-us-navy-off-san-francisco/>UFO War: Chinese and US Navy off San Francisco," Duff claims that the Chinese navy is lending assistance to the US in battling these hostile forces in what looks like a real life version of the recent movie Battleship. (...) An alien false flag event – a contrived extraterrestrial invasion using advanced technologies – would ensure that public awareness of evidence concerning alien life is skewed towards national security concerns. Viewing extraterrestrials as hostile, intent on overcoming the world's military forces, would justify national security policies that would further erode constitutional principles in the USA. More importantly, it would sideline international organizations such as the United Nations intent on promoting diplomatic solutions to international crises. Rumors of a false flag alien date back to the "Report from Iron Mountain" document first released in the early 1960s and published in 1967. Dr Werner Von Braun later confided to a close colleague that a false flag alien invasion was indeed been planned by corporate entities along with their national security agency partners. An alien false flag event would be the ultimate way in which national security agencies and their multinational corporate partners could engineer government policies that increase their respective power, and maintain the secrecy of an extensive number of classified programs that are funded by a quasi-legal black budget. What Duff describes in his article, and parallels with the recent Battleship movie, has the tell-tale characteristics of a psychological warfare program to prepare the general public for a false flag alien invasion.

Talking about false flag attack

Breaking!! Israel Lobbyist - We Need a False Flag to Start War with Iran!
(25 sept. 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfoaLbbAix0>

Patrick Clawson of the influential neo-con Washington Institute for Near East Studies OPENLY suggests that the US should provoke Iran into taking the first shot. Israel Lobbyist suggests False Flag attack to start war with Iran. Just like 911 in New York causing the deaths of American civilians and soldiers, a million dead Iraqis and for what? VOTE THIS UP!! and stop these criminals!

And a Sept 26 comment from Forbidden Knowledge TV
(newsletter@forbiddenknowledgetv.com) on this:

"Patrick Clawson, member of the think-tank Washington Institute for Near East Studies (WINES) recently spoke about using covertaction or an attack by a non-US country as an ideal means for instigating war with Iran. He made these comments as cruisers, aircraft carriers and minesweepers from some 30 nations now converge on the Straits of Hormuz in an unprecedented show of force, as Israel and Iran move towards the brink of war. Clawson's disgusting, immoral cynicism knows no bounds; a reflection of the warmonger agenda he represents. He and his friends make a few million dollars, while millions of innocents die. This video needs to travel around the world as many times as it takes to stop these Hounds of Hell in their tracks."

THIS IS WHY JESSE VENTURA IS NOT ALLOWED ON LIVE TV!

"Every War Starts With A False Flag

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAMJ9oAy1mc>

Frank Agamemnon (honkystar@yahoo.com) who has recommended this wrote: "In case you haven't seen this, Jesse Ventura was on the Piers Morgan program last Monday Sept 17, 2012. He told the shocking truth about 9/11! Morgan tried to refute him but Jesse was too strong. To me, what was most amazing was when Jesse asked the audience if they thought he was a "crackpot" for statements he was making and there was complete silence! Then he asked the audience if they felt he was on track for raising these issues and the audience erupted! We should recognize and take heart that this is an indication that our hard work to educate the public over the past several years has made an impact. Can't stop now!"

Talking about Israel...

'Tears of Gaza' The Movie - MUST READ AND WATCH!

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article29165.htm>

'Tears of Gaza' by Vibeke Lokkeberg is a documentary film that should be watched by every American, to see how Israel spends our taxes. Every European should watch it, to see the true face of Israel. It should be viewed by every Arab, to renew our resolve not to allow a racist nation to wipe Palestine and her children from the map and from history.

3-Day DC Rally for Nuclear Free Future Seeks to Mobilize Election Year Policy Shifts on Nuclear Issues

<http://coalitionagainstnukes.org/>

The demonstrations against nuclear power that CAN is organizing in September are powerful and imperative. I want every person – mothers, fathers, children, grandmothers and grandfathers, to make a major effort to attend one or all of these gatherings as the time for the “peaceful” atom is over. We must end it now before it ends us. – Helen Caldicott, MD
Converge with us in our nation’s capital to show our government how democracy works!

Note: you probably didn't hear about this... and for good reason... Here is why:

Activists Protest Nuclear Weapons At U.S. Capitol

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/getty/article/ALeqM5h8l3RVWI9aUvzCxiqKGpU3xZIFUQ?docId=152414039>

WASHINGTON, DC - SEPTEMBER 20: Billed as the biggest "No Nukes" demonstration since the 1980s, about 50 people gathered for the Coalition Against Nukes "Rally for a Nuclear-Free Future" kickoff event at the Reflecting Pool on the west side of the U.S. Capitol September 20, 2012 in Washington, DC. The three-day rally will include speakers, music performances and films. -- Details on the event at

<http://coalitionagainstnukes.org/category/category-press-releases/>

Pakistan: Center of the Grand Chessboard

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJ46ZkJY8oo>

WeAreChange presents a film by Saad Ali. Read the article that accompanies this short film at our website:

<http://wearechange.org/pakistan-center-of-the-grand-chessboard/> (...) As stated in "The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives," Brzezinski frames his strategy around controlling Eurasian landmass as a "key to world power" and that "Central Asia with its vast oil reserves as the key to domination of Eurasia". The global controllers have drawn the doctrine, assembled the policy advisors, installed controlled presidencies, developed advance weapons systems for delivery, and contracted the mercenary to pursue a region, a country at the apex of what is considered world power. The ascendancy of China as a primal force militarily and financially has the Anglo American imperialists charging into Pakistan, the center of the grand chess board, the position of central control, the life line of the opposing in the next world war. Recommended by Larry Stell who wrote: "The covert war in Pakistan has been going on for several years, several presidents: Bush1, Clinton, Bush2 and Obama. All controlled by the Illuminati, as is Romney." To which I add... No wonder the Muslims hate America. But remember that nearly everything your hear about in the Official propaganda newsmedia is the result of a set up. The attack and [death of 4 Americans in Libya](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/perry-steele/2012/09/13/the-jews-have-done-it-again) was most likely an inside job and the release of the [video that riled up believers in the Muslim world](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RagKWM8ldk) is also most likely a deliberate attempt at stirring up unrest with most likely a few agent provocateurs on the ground to get violent unrests going. Likewise the [rise of anti-Muslim sentiment in America](http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2012/09/05/rising-anti-islamic-sentiment-in-america-troubles-muslims/) is also most likely aided and abetted by the mainstream lying media to create the right conditions for an attack on the perceived epicenter of radical islamism : Iran. And most likely this is all the work of Zionist plotters remote-controlling events towards fulfilling their very nefarious goal of triggering World War 3, on behalf of unseen puppet controllers who see their choke hold on this planet slipping from their hands.... But it will all come to naught is we just keep holding high the bright, purifying Torch of Unconditional Love and thus continue to foster the vibratory transition towards 4D.

Sharia Hysteria:

<http://americanfreepress.net/?p=351>

This article from the American Free Press outlines very well just one of the

many ways "they" will create the conditions necessary for war. It is the oldest game on the block---divide and conquer. And right now, the game is on... big time! Check also

<http://www.denverpatriotcommunity.org/AmericanFreePress/AFPNewsSep11.htm>

French magazine risks Muslim ire with Mohammed cartoons (18 Sep 2012) with a video

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/9551831/French-magazine-risks-Muslim-ire-with-Mohammed-cartoons.html>

Fears that a wave of anger in the Islamic world could spread to France mounted on Tuesday as it emerged that Charlie Hebdo, a satirical magazine was planning to publish cartoons caricaturing the Prophet Mohammed. -- The magazine confirmed that its latest edition contains several cartoons featuring Mohammed that the publication's editor said would "shock those who will want to be shocked." The magazine is due to hit the stands on Wednesday against a background of protests across the Islamic world over a crude US-made film that mocks Mohammed and portrays Muslims as gratuitously violent. At least 30 people have died so far in demonstrations held in over 20 countries. Charlie Hebdo is no stranger to controversy over its handling of the issues relating to Islam. Last year it published an edition "guest-edited" by the Prophet Mohammed that it called Sharia Hebdo. The magazine's offices in Paris were subsequently firebombed in what was widely seen as a reaction by Islamists.

Everything Is A Lie: The Deliberate Intent To Deceive People Is At An All Time High (2010)

http://preventdisease.com/news/10//081010_everything_is_a_lie.shtml

Voir particulièrement les Twenty-Five Rules of Disinformation + Eight Traits of the Disinformationalist

911 Q&A

<http://youtu.be/5vAR-AaEroA>

With Mark Dankof of <http://www.markdankof.com/> and

<http://theuglytruth.wordpress.com/category/the-ugly-truth-podcast/>

Taken from the second part of his excellent two part interview with Robert Sungenis regarding Israeli involvement in the 9/11 attacks. Based on Sungenis' comprehensive two part review of the book "Solving 911" by Christopher Bollyn found at <http://www.bollyn.com>. CLIP MAKE SURE

TO CHECK BOLLYN'S WEBSITE AND READ THE BOOK REVIEWS THERE SUCH AS THIS ONE BY Carol Brouillet "Christopher Bollyn has done his homework and then some. He presents a very strong, compelling case for the involvement of the Mossad, Israel, and the neo-cons in the attacks of September 11th. That is an area in which he has a great amount of knowledge and he presents it in a clear, rational way. I must admit that I do believe that other intelligence agencies also played roles in the attack, including MI6, the CIA, Pakistan's ISI, and the Saudi's intelligence network, but to me it is unclear as to who the principle string puller might be or how many people thought that they were pulling the strings, how many were unknowing patsies to not just the crimes of 9/11, but the crimes that followed, which killed more people, transferred more wealth, than the original crimes. There is plenty of criminality to identify, as we have witnessed an enormous transference of wealth from the many to the few, a greater concentration of wealth into fewer and fewer hands, and the expansion of the National Security State to the Global Police State. How to undo the damage is the biggest challenge that we have and step one is understanding the size, nature, and shape of the problems we face and that is what Christopher Bollyn has courageously attempted to do in his work. He has supplied a vital piece of the puzzle. I appreciate his work greatly and would recommend it to others."

Bush Insider Says 911 Was An Inside Job

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhkacBSlvvU>

100% Proof 9/11 was an inside job!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY45a0n6xUo>

Mysterious Deaths of 9/11 Witnesses

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvay28lZiHU>

9/11 Breakthrough: PBS Documentary Raising Serious Questions on 9/11 Goes Viral

http://www.WantToKnow.info/911/9-11_documentary_pbs

A 9/11 documentary aired on PBS and available for free viewing on the PBS website is going viral. '9/11: Explosive Evidence - Experts Speak Out' was produced by Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth, a courageous group of over 1,500 architects and engineers which has dared to ask hard questions about 9/11 and present the disturbing hard evidence. In this beautifully produced, 90-minute documentary, over 40 scientific experts

share their professional insights about the events of 9/11.

Received on Sept 9: To our surprise: Yesterday, 9/11: Experts Speak Out (ESO) was 6th most watched at

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2270078138/>

Today it is third most watched. Yesterday, ESO was 3rd most shared at this national PBS website. Today it is the second most shared video! The stats indicate that people are actually watching the movie, not simply clicking on that page of the website Amazing news! Appears to be a bona fide media breakthrough. CPT12 asks, though, that you direct your friends and contacts to watch the video at the local station at <<http://www.cpt12.org/911ExplosiveEvidence>>www.cpt12.org/911ExplosiveEvidence so that people will pledge or donate at this station. The hits on this CPT12 website page broke all their records. However, although there are many pledges, people tend to be pledging at the first level (\$60). The donations collected by CPT12, so far, are okay, but they expected more--and they deserve more! 9/11: Explosive Evidence - Experts Speak Out will air again Friday, Sept. 14 at 10 pm and again at 11:30 pm at www.cpt12.org/911ExplosiveEvidence Please keep the ball rolling by contacting your friends if you have not already! This becomes a good excuse to contact your reluctant and skeptical friends. What can be a more credible media (in the public eye) than PBS?

911 explained in 5 minutes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLXyB5GtfBU>

With Friends Like Israel, Who Needs Enemies? (September 16, 2012)

<http://www.darkmoon.me/2012/with-friends-like-israel-who-needs-enemies/>

It is possibly the greatest of American political myths. President Barack Obama has claimed that the United States enjoys a special bond with Israel unlike its relations with any other country. He has called the friendship “unshakeable”. His Republican rival, Mitt Romney, has gone further, arguing that there is not “an inch of difference between ourselves and our ally Israel”. While such pronouncements form the basis of an apparent Washington consensus, the reality is that the cherished friendship is no more than a fairy tale. Politicians may prefer to express undying love for Israel, and hand over billions of dollars annually in aid, but the US security establishment has — at least, in private — always regarded Israel as an unfaithful partner. The distrust has been particularly hard to hide in

relation to Iran. Israel has been putting relentless pressure on Washington, apparently in the hope of manoeuvring it into supporting or joining an attack on Tehran to stop what Israel claims is an Iranian effort to build a nuclear bomb concealed beneath its civilian energy programme. While coverage has focused on the personal animosity between Obama and the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, the truth is that US officials generally are deeply at odds with Israel on this issue. The conflict burst into the open this month with reports that the Pentagon had scaled back next month's joint military exercise, Austere Challenge, with the Israeli military that had been billed as the largest and most significant in the two countries' history. The goal of the exercise was to test the readiness of Israel's missile-defence shield in case of Iranian reprisals — possibly the biggest fear holding Israel back from launching a go-it-alone attack. The Pentagon's main leverage on Israel is its X-band radar, stationed in Israel but operated exclusively by a US crew, that would provide Israel with early warning of Iranian missiles. A senior Israeli military official told Time magazine what message the Pentagon's rethink had conveyed: "Basically what the Americans are saying is, 'We don't trust you'." The Lavon Affair (1954), the USS Liberty attack on American servicemen (1967), and numerous espionage incidents and acts of Israeli betrayal over the years, have not helped to inspire American trust in Israel (LD) But discord between the two "unshakeable allies" is not limited to Iran. Antipathy has been the norm for decades. Over the summer, current and former CIA officials admitted that the US security establishment has always regarded Israel as its number one counter-intelligence threat in the Middle East. CLIP - READ MORE LETHALLY REVEALING ARTICLES THROUGH <http://www.darkmoon.me/about/>

Intel from Israel: Ominous Troop Movements

<http://www.stevequayle.com/index.php?s=33&d=118>

Israel appears to be set to strike against Iran in a matter of days, perhaps hours...

Israel's new warning for US on Iran - Sept. 25th Deadline (August 15, 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijgvM1DPNs0>

Will Israel starts World War 3 on Sept 11 2012? This Israeli ambassador is a living, talking nightmare!

Israel warns of month-long war after possible strike on Iran's nuclear

program (August 15, 2012)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/08/15/israel-warns-monthlong-war-after-possible-strike-on-iran-nuclear-program/>

JERUSALEM – An Israeli attack on Iran's nuclear program could trigger a bloody monthlong war on multiple fronts, killing hundreds of Israelis or more, the Israeli Cabinet's civil defense chief warned in an interview published Wednesday. It was the most explicit assessment yet of how the government sees events unfolding in the aftermath of an Israeli attack. Matan Vilnai, who is stepping down as the "home front" Cabinet minister to become Israel's ambassador to China, described the scenarios to Israel's Maariv daily at a time of heightened debate about the Iranian nuclear threat. Vilnai, a retired general who was deputy military chief of staff, has spent the past five years overseeing upgrades of Israel's civil defense systems, including air-raid sirens, bomb shelters and a public alert system. In the Maariv interview, Vilnai said "the home front is ready as never before." Nonetheless, he said the country must be braced for heavy casualties in the case of conflict with Iran. Vilnai said the government has prepared for the possibility of hundreds of rockets and missiles falling on Israeli population centers each day, with the expectation of 500 deaths.

(...) Israel's leaders have indicated an attack is a possibility if they conclude the international community has failed to halt the Iranian nuclear program. Vilnai did not elaborate on how he reached his assessments, but his office relies on intelligence and other assessments about Iranian weapons capabilities and Israeli susceptibility. Defense Minister Ehud Barak has also said the Israeli death toll could be in the range of 500 in such a conflict. "Just as the citizens of Japan have to realize that they can have earthquakes, so the citizens of Israel have to realize that if they live here, they have to be prepared to expect missiles on the home front," Vilnai said. "It's not pleasant for the home front, but decisions have to be made, and we have to be ready." Vilnai has made similar comments in other media outlets in recent days. At a news briefing in Washington on Tuesday, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta reaffirmed the U.S. assessment that Israel has not yet decided whether to strike, while the U.S. military chief, Gen. Martin Dempsey, echoed a widely held assessment that an Israeli operation would only set back, not destroy, Iran's nuclear project. CLIP

War on Iran from a Security Perspective - Dahi Khalfan speech in Manama
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=1ExsYewMwig>

Chastised Israel seeks way forward with U.S. over Iran (Sept 4, 2012)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/09/04/israel-iran-idINDEE8830AH20120904>

(Reuters) - Stunned by a rebuke from the United States' top general, Israel is preparing a climbdown strategy in its war of words over Iran's nuclear programme, aware that its room for manoeuvre is shrinking rapidly. Anxious to prevent any flare-up in the Middle East ahead of November elections, there is also a good chance that U.S. President Barack Obama will provide Israel with enough cover to avoid a loss of face, analysts say. A burst of bellicose rhetoric over the last month led Western allies to fear that Israel was poised to launch a unilateral strike against Iran in an effort to hobble the Islamic Republic's contested nuclear facilities. (...) "All this talk of war is bullshit. If they could do it, then they would have already done it long ago," a senior European diplomat in Israel said.

This article appears to be dating back to 2010, so several items listed may be outdated - for instance Iran isn't allowing inspection by the IAEA of at least one of its most secret military facilities - check

<http://www.iranaffairs.com/iran_affairs/2012/09/why-iran-resists-pressure-to-open-parchin-to-iaea-inspectors.html>Why Iran resists pressure to open Parchin to IAEA inspectors (Sept 26, 2012) thus casting doubts about its claim of not trying to build the Bomb - for more independent fact sources check Wikipedia's

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran_and_weapons_of_mass_destruction>Iran and weapons of mass destruction AND

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_program_of_Iran>Nuclear program of Iran where we can read "U.S. intelligence agency officials interviewed by The New York Times in March 2012 said they continued to assess that Iran had not restarted its weaponization program, which the 2007 National Intelligence Estimate said Iran had discontinued in 2003, although they have found evidence that some weaponization-related activities have continued. The Israeli Mossad reportedly shared this belief." Still this below is a sobering reminder of how little the lamestream media has revealed about Israel nuclear duplicity.

From: <http://whatreallyhappened.com/WRHARTICLES/IranvIsrael.php>

Iran vs Israel: What The Media Wants You To Forget

The corporate media have been given their orders to throw the focus back on to Iran.

Here is a recap of what they are trying to make you forget.

1. Last Spring,

<<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/may/06/israel-us-nuclear-non-proliferation>>Rose Gottemoeller, an assistant secretary of state and Washington's chief nuclear arms negotiator, asked Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Israel refused.

2. The <<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1115650.html>>United Nations passed a resolution calling on Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to submit to inspections. Israel refused.

3. <<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3778884,00.html>>The IAEA asked Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to submit to inspections. Israel refused.

4. <<http://news.antiwar.com/2009/09/25/as-required-iran-informs-iaea-about-new-enrichment-site/>>Iran's formal notification to the IAEA of the planned construction of the backup fuel-rod facility underscores that Iran is playing by the rules of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty which Iran has signed.

5.

<http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20090926/wl_afp/irannuclearpolitics>Iran allows IAEA inspections of all its facilities.

6. Contrary to face-saving claims, it appears that the US and Israel were both caught off guard by Iran's announcement of a planned underground (to avoid being bombed) enrichment facility. The reasoning is simple. Had the US or Israel announced the existence of the new facility before Iran notified the IAEA, it would have put Iran on the defensive. As it is now, the US and Israel seem to be playing catch up, casting doubt on the veracity of Israel's claims to "know" that Iran is a nuclear threat.

7. The <<http://news.antiwar.com/2009/02/22/iaea-iran-not-capable-of->

making-nuclear-weapons/>IAEA and all
<<http://www.newsweek.com/id/215529>>16 United States Intelligence Agencies are unanimous in agreement that Iran is not building and does not possess nuclear weapons.

8. In 1986, Mordachai Vanunu blew the whistle and
<<http://www.vanunu.com/uscampaign/photos.html>>provided photographs showing Israel's clandestine nuclear weapons factory underneath the reactor at Dimona.

9. Israel made the same accusations against Iraq that it is making against Iran, leading up to Israel's bombing of the power station at Osirik. Following the invasion of 2003,
<<http://www.antiwar.com/wanniski/?articleid=2721>>international experts examined the ruins of the power station at Osirik and found no evidence of a clandestine weapons factory in the rubble.

10. The United Nations has just released the Goldstone Report, a scathing report which accuses Israel of 37 specific war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza earlier this year. Israel has denounced the report as "Anti-Semitic (even though Judge Goldstone is himself Jewish), and the United States will block the report from being referred to the War Crimes Tribunal at the Hague, thereby making the US Government an accessory after-the-fact.

11. <<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/may/23/israel-south-africa-nuclear-weapons>>Recently revealed documents prove not only that Israel has nuclear weapons, but actually tried to sell some to Apartheid South Africa. Who else Israel approached to sell nuclear weapons remains an unasked question.

12. In 1965, <<http://original.antiwar.com/smith-grant/2010/05/09/declassified-gao-report/>>Israel stole over 200-600 pounds of weapons-grade uranium from the United States.

13. Declassified documents from the former South African regime prove not only that <<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/may/23/israel-south-africa-nuclear-weapons>>Israel has had nuclear weapons for decades, but has tried to sell them to other countries!

We all need to be Joe Wilson right now. We need to stand up and scream, "LIAR!" at every politician and every talking media moron that is pushing this war in Iran. And we need to keep doing it until they get the message that we will not be deceived any more.

Israel wants to send your kids off to die in Iran, and YOU are the only one that can stop them.
Please forward this comment to your social networks.

Check also...

US Envoys Stay Seated For Ahmadinejad's UN Speech, Israel Walks Out Alone (September 25, 2012)

<http://www.veteransnewsnow.com/2012/09/25/us-envoys-stay-seated-for-ahmadinejads-un-speech-israel-walks-out-alone/>

'Iran must steer clear of US interests in Gulf' (09.03.12)

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4276276,00.html>

The United States has indirectly informed Iran, via two European nations, that it would not back an Israeli strike against the country's nuclear facilities, as long as Tehran refrains from attacking American interests in the Persian Gulf, Yedioth Ahronoth reported Monday. According to the report, Washington used covert back-channels in Europe to clarify that the US does not intend to back Israel in a strike that may spark a regional conflict. In return, Washington reportedly expects Iran to steer clear of strategic American assets in the Persian Gulf, such as military bases and aircraft carriers. Israeli officials reported an unprecedented low in the two nations' defense ties, which stems from the Obama administration's desire to warn Israel against mounting an uncoordinated attack on Iran. The New York Times reported Monday that US President Barack Obama is promoting a series of steps meant to curb an Israeli offensive against Iran, while forcing the Islamic Republic to take the nuclear negotiations more seriously.

One of the steps considered is "an official declaration by Obama about what might bring about American military action, as well as covert activities that have been previously considered and rejected," the report said. Several of Obama's top advisors believe that Jerusalem is seeking an

unequivocal American statement regarding a US strike on Iran – should it actively pursue a nuclear bomb. Israel hopes such a statement is made during Obama's address before the UN General Assembly on September 25. Others in the White House said Israel is trying to drag the US into an unnecessary conflict in the Gulf. White House spokesman Jay Carney said Monday that "There is absolutely no daylight between the United States and Israel when it comes to preventing Iran from getting a nuclear weapon." Carney said that all options remain on the table for Iran. He said the "window for diplomacy remains open," adding that the diplomatic process remains the best way to deal with the Islamic Republic, though "that window will not remain open indefinitely."

Cyber war a go? - According to the New York Times, Washington has also sent Iran a back-channel deal suggesting they curb their nuclear ambitions, but Tehran rejected the deal, saying no agreement is possible sans lifting all West-imposed sanctions. According to the report, the Obama administration is exploring the possibility of mounting a covert operation, as well as waging a "quiet" cyber war against Iran. President Obama had previously rejected the notion, fearing such cyber assaults would wreak havoc on Iranian civilian life. Later in September, the United States and more than 25 other nations will hold the largest-ever minesweeping exercise in the Persian Gulf, in what military officials say is a demonstration of unity and a defensive step to prevent Iran from attempting to block oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz. In fact, the United States and Iran have each announced what amounted to dueling defensive exercises to be conducted this fall, each intended to dissuade the other from attack.

AND HERE IS WHY THE CABAL NEEDS TO UNLEASH CHAOS IN THE MIDDLE EAST...

JMP: Lindsey Williams 24 August 2012 - Prepare for financial collapse...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oClo45ZAaqY>

John McGowan presents former Alaskan Oil Pipeline chaplain Lindsey Williams. Mr. Williams shares the latest info on the upcoming bank holiday, the coming cashless society, the middle east wars and oil prices. To get directly (almost) to the core of his critical information and spare yourself Williams' long-winded introduction, jump at 9 minute into this video. In essence, he says that <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratheon>>Ratheon got a warning from the US government to prepare for the close down of

the US government financial operations. There is much MUCH more of course... such as, because of Assad's resistance in Syria, the elite's plan was set back by 6 months thus preventing the Middle East chaos that would have pushed the price of crude oil beyond \$150 per barrel, the price needed by BP to complete drilling with their \$1 billion

<<http://www.greeningofoil.com/post/Drilling-worlds-longest-wells-at-Liberty.aspx>>Liberty drilling rig now almost down into the vast pool of <<http://www.viewzone.com/abioticoilx.html>>abiotic oil (see also

<http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/100404_abiotic_oil.shtml>HERE) - a 100-million-barrel Liberty field that lies under the shallow waters of the Beaufort Sea - which, according to William will produce the astronomical pressure of 50 to 60,000 pounds per square inch when BP will pierce into it (what could go wrong there?...). But drilling has now stopped temporarily, according to William, because the \$150 per barrel target price has not been reached yet. So the elite has now apparently decided on another course of action to create the havoc required to jack up the oil price... if we are to believe William's analysis of the information he has. He also reminds us that Obama - a puppet of the elite according to him - <<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-19319446>>has just warned Assad to not use his chemical and biological weapons against his people or the US will step in - which would be the trigger for a cataclysmic clash with Russia. He also claims that the US dollar will be dead by the end of 2012 so as to create the cashless society and issue a new world currency as planned by the elite. William also asserts that the elite are in big trouble and might not succeed in their plans. But he also recommends listeners to get out of paper assets and prepare for a period of turmoil - having a garden is a great means to be self-sufficient as he mentions. CHECK ALSO: General Wesley Clark tells of how Middle East destabilization was planned as far back as 1991 IN

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7NsXFnzJGw> AT 8:14 and

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1SP8C9jNE4 AT 5:23 AND

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGEuOLLo6eA>>Lindsey Williams - Secrets Of The Elite Video - Mar. 2012 - 3 DVD Set

NOTE: Larry Stell (lstell@glasgow-ky.com) who brought this matter above to my attention also wrote this along with this other related newsclip below:

"If you listened to the 56 minute Video that I sent out a few days ago, you

know that Saudi Arabia is on the list of countries that the Illuminati wants to destabilize so as to establish the Muslim Brotherhood as the new government leaders.

Saudi Oil Company Survives Cyber Attack But May Lose War

http://www.newsmaxworld.com/global_talk/Saudi_cyber_attack_comput/2012/09/05/472574.html

Oil giant Saudi Aramco may have recovered from a computer virus last month that disabled the majority of its personal computers, but the company, and other companies in the Middle East, may be already losing a broader cyber war. Despite reassurances that it has faith in the integrity of its networks – management claimed not a “single drop of oil” was lost - LIGNET believes that Saudi Aramco was paralyzed for several days before publicly releasing details of the cyber attack.

Decision by Netanyahu, Barak to strike Iran is almost final — Israel TV (August 11, 2012)

MORE FOOLISH SABERS RATTLING!

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/decision-by-netanyahu-and-barak-to-strike-iran-is-almost-final-israeli-tv-says/>

PM believes Iran's regime is aiming to 'destroy the Jewish people,' does not think Obama will resort to force. Nuclear drive 'further ahead' than previously thought. In a year, Israeli action could have only 'negligible effect' -- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak have “almost finally” decided on an Israeli strike at Iran's nuclear facilities this fall, and a final decision will be taken “soon,” Israel's main TV news broadcast reported on Friday evening. Channel 2 News, the country's leading news program, devoted much of its Friday night broadcast to the issue, detailing the pros and cons that, it said, have taken Netanyahu and Barak to the brink of approving an Israeli military attack despite opposition from the Obama administration and from many Israeli security chiefs. Critically, the station's diplomatic correspondent Udi Segal said, Israel does not believe that the US will take military action as Iran closes in on the bomb. The US, the TV report said, has not provided Israel with details of an attack plan. President Obama has not promised to attack Iran if all else fails. Conditions cited by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta for an American attack do not calm Israeli concerns. And Obama has a record of seeking UN and Arab League approval before action. All these factors, in Jerusalem's mind, underline the growing conviction of Netanyahu and Barak that Israel will have to tackle Iran alone, the TV report said. CLIP

France's Embassy in Israel Prepares Secret Plan for Naval Evacuation in Event of Massive Iranian Missile Counterattack (Aug 8, 2012)

<http://ow.ly/dv3Sh>

There have been new signs of a possible looming Israeli attack against Iran in recent days. Nana (Channel 10) reports (Hebrew) that the French government has devised contingency plans for a mass evacuation of French citizens living in Israel in the event of war. They would gather at the Jaffa port and be transferred to French naval vessels stationed off the Israeli coast. The French embassy presented operational plans to a group of 50 French-Israeli citizens regarding a possible war scenario. The plans would involve several hundred thousand Israelis with dual nationality. Among the possibilities it foresees is a massive missile strike on Israel. In that eventuality, the French navy will offer refuge via its warships which will be standing offshore. CLIP

From:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/iran/9545597/Armada-of-British-naval-power-massing-in-the-Gulf-as-Israel-prepares-an-Iran-strike.html>

Armada of British naval power massing in the Gulf as Israel prepares an Iran strike

An armada of US and British naval power is massing in the Persian Gulf in the belief that Israel is considering a pre-emptive strike against Iran's covert nuclear weapons programme.

By Sean Rayment, Defence Correspondent - 15 September 2012

Battleships, aircraft carriers, minesweepers and submarines from 25 nations are converging on the strategically important Strait of Hormuz in an unprecedented show of force as Israel and Iran move towards the brink of war.

Western leaders are convinced that Iran will retaliate to any attack by attempting to mine or blockade the shipping lane through which passes around 18 million barrels of oil every day, approximately 35 per cent of the world's petroleum traded by sea.

A blockade would have a catastrophic effect on the fragile economies of Britain, Europe the United States and Japan, all of which rely heavily on oil and gas supplies from the Gulf.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most congested international waterways. It is only 21 miles wide at its narrowest point and is bordered by the Iranian coast to the north and the United Arab Emirates to the south.

In preparation for any pre-emptive or retaliatory action by Iran, warships from more than 25 countries, including the United States, Britain, France, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, will today begin an annual 12-day exercise.

The war games are the largest ever undertaken in the region.

They will practice tactics in how to breach an Iranian blockade of the strait and the force will also undertake counter-mining drills.

The multi-national naval force in the Gulf includes three US Nimitz class carrier groups, each of which has more aircraft than the entire complement of the Iranian air force.

The carriers are supported by at least 12 battleships, including ballistic missile cruisers, frigates, destroyers and assault ships carrying thousand of US Marines and special forces.

The British component consists of four British minesweepers and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Cardigan Bay, a logistics vessel. HMS Diamond, a brand-new £1billion Type 45 destroyer, one of the most powerful ships in the British fleet, will also be operating in the region.

In addition, commanders will also simulate destroying Iranian combat jets, ships and coastal missile batteries.

In the event of war, the main threat to the multi-national force will come from the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps navy, which is expected to adopt an "access-denial" strategy in the wake of an attack, by directly targeting US warships, attacking merchant shipping and mining vital maritime chokepoints in the Persian Gulf.

Defence sources say that although Iran's capability may not be technologically sophisticated, it could deliver a series of lethal blows against British and US ships using mini-sub, fast attack boats, mines and shore-based anti-ship missile batteries.

Next month, Iran will stage massive military manoeuvres of its own, to show that it is prepared to defend its nuclear installations against the threat of aerial bombardment.

The exercise is being showcased as the biggest air defence war game in the Islamic Republic's history, and will be its most visible response yet to the prospect of an Israeli military strike.

Using surface-to-air missiles, unmanned drones and state-of-the-art radar, Iran's Revolutionary Guards and air force will combine to test the defences of 3,600 sensitive locations throughout the country, including oil refineries and uranium enrichment facilities.

Brigadier General Farzad Esmaili, commander of the Khatam al-Anbiya air defence base, told a conference this month that the manoeuvres would "identify vulnerabilities, try out new tactics and practise old ones".

At the same time as the Western manoeuvres in the Gulf, the British Response Task Forces Group — which includes the carrier HMS *Illustrious*, equipped with Apache attack helicopters, along with the French aircraft carrier *Charles de Gaulle* - will be conducting a naval exercise in the eastern Mediterranean. The task force could easily be diverted to the Gulf region via the Suez Canal within a week of being ordered to do so.

The main naval exercise comes as President Barack Obama is scheduled to meet Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, today to discuss the Iranian crisis.

Many within the Obama administration believe that Israel will launch a pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear facilities before the US presidential elections, an act which would signal the failure of one of Washington's key foreign policy objectives.

Both Downing Street and Washington hope that the show of force will demonstrate to Iran that Nato and the West will not allow President

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the Iranian leader, to develop a nuclear armoury or close Hormuz.

Sir John Sawers, the head of MI6, the Secret Intelligence Service, reportedly met the Israeli prime minister and Ehud Barak, his defence secretary, two weeks ago in an attempt to avert military action against Iran.

But just last week Mr Netanyahu signalled that time for a negotiated settlement was running out when he said: "The world tells Israel 'Wait, there's still time.' And I say, 'Wait for what? Wait until when?'"

"Those in the international community who refuse to put red lines before Iran don't have a moral right to place a red light before Israel."

The crisis hinges on Iran's nuclear enrichment programme, which Israel believes is designed to build an atomic weapon. Tehran has long argued that the programme is for civil use only and says it has no plans to build a nuclear bomb, but that claim has been disputed by the West, with even the head of MI6 stating that the Islamic Republic is on course to develop atomic weapons by 2014.

The Strait of Hormuz has long been disputed territory, with the Iranians claiming control of the region and the entire Persian Gulf.

Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps recently boasted that "any plots of enemies" would be foiled and a heavy price exacted, adding: "We determine the rules of military conflict in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz."

But Leon Panetta, the US defence secretary, warned that Iranian attempts to exercise control over the Strait of Hormuz could be met with force.

He said: "The Iranians need to understand that the United States and the international community are going to hold them directly responsible for any disruption of shipping in that region — by Iran or, for that matter, by its surrogates."

Mr Panetta said that the United States was "fully prepared for all contingencies" and added: "We've invested in capabilities to ensure that

the Iranian attempt to close down shipping in the Gulf is something that we are going to be able to defeat if they make that decision.”

That announcement was supported by Philip Hammond, the Defence Secretary, who added: “We are determined to work as part of the international community effort to ensure freedom of passage in the international waters of the Strait of Hormuz.”

One defence source told The Sunday Telegraph last night: “If it came to war, there would be carnage. The Iranian casualties would be huge but they would be able to inflict severe blows against the US and British.

“The Iranian Republican Guard are well versed in asymmetrical warfare and would use swarm attacks to sink or seriously damage ships. This is a conflict nobody wants, but the rhetoric from Israel is unrelenting.”

Armageddon Approaches

<http://www.theoccidentalobserver.net/2012/02/armageddon-approaches/#more-12803>

“An Israeli attack on Iran would create a disaster.” — Zbigniew Brzezinski
“The entire lake will become a killing field...the Gulf will run red with American blood.” — Military specialist Mark Gaffney.
Bombing Iran could be the final nail in the coffin of America—a decaying and morally bankrupt superpower where torture has been normalized and where the President is now free to kill anyone he chooses, anywhere in the world, who he happens to suspect is a terrorist. Right now, Iran appears to be the object of universal detestation, at least among those who control the mainstream media and who are anxious to persuade the easily duped masses that Iran is a major threat to civilization. Iran is perfectly capable of shutting down the Strait of Hormuz if it wishes, doing immense damage to the US navy in the process. It possesses a vast array of anti-ship weapons called Sunburn missiles, which it has procured from Russia and China over the last decade. These are state-of-the-art weapons developed by the Russians as a low-cost challenge to the expensive, tech-heavy weaponry of the US. Specifically, they are designed to sink ships, including America’s titanic aircraft carriers. The imminent conflict, which now belongs in the high probability spectrum, is a conflict into which Russia and China cannot fail to be drawn. Their interests are inextricably linked with those of Iran.

You could say that Iran is their semi-independent protectorate and ally. If Iran were attacked and if Russia and China stood by and did nothing, they would lose face forever. They would be signaling to the world that they are weaklings, only too ready to cower at the feet of the American superbully. Indeed, they would then be next on America's hit list. Russia has a new 100-ton monster of a ballistic missile in the pipeline. It is aptly named Satan. And it will be used to devastating effect against America if America gets too big for its boots and gets overly aggressive. Chinese Major General Zhang Zhaozhong recently stated that if America or Israel attacked Iran, "China will not hesitate to protect Iran—even with a third world war." CLIP

From: http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/NG19Ak03.html

Persian Gulf primed to explode

By Kaveh L Afrasiabi

"US navy fires on Emirate boat out of fear of Iran" - headline in Kayhan Newspaper, Tehran.

The Persian Gulf powder keg may soon explode if the current cycle of mounting tensions continues unabated. Two days ago, a minor incident involving a US refueling warship and an Indian fishing boat off the coast of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) resulted in one fatality and three wounded. That the fishermen insist they were fired on without a warning - contrary to the US navy's assertion - gives us a prelude to more ominous developments on the horizon. It seems trigger-happy American sailors see gathering clouds of conflict and are taking preemptive measures that, in this particular case, made a small dent in otherwise amicable US-India relations.

In a sign of New Delhi's unwillingness to call for an inquiry into the incident, however, it has not voiced even a whisper of criticism of the US. Initially, US media reported that the incident was a US warning to "Iran and al-Qaeda" to stay away from US warships, in light of Iran's renewed threats to close the Strait of Hormuz. This reflects a US siege mentality that also underscores the Persian Gulf region's growing volatility and

potential for imminent maritime tensions.

This spike in tensions is also partly due to the US navy's bulked up presence in the region. The Pentagon on July 16 deployed an extra aircraft carrier there months ahead of schedule. It is also organizing unprecedented mine-sweeping exercise in the area - this month it deployed four additional minesweepers and additional fighter jets to the region.

The resulting overcrowding of Persian Gulf waters with the US fleet is an invitation for similar incidents to this week's fatal encounter. Accidental confrontations could easily escalate into something bigger in coming weeks and months, particularly if the US and Iran bump into each other.

There is no guarantee that a US-Iran war would not be triggered by such incidents, since there is no military-to-military hotline or similar communications to handle such emergencies. In spite of some US overtures toward such a preventive mechanism, Iran refuses to consider it, as well as any other "incident at sea" protocols, since it regards the US presence in the Persian Gulf as fundamentally illegitimate.

The thickening fog of suspicion and mutual distrust is growing more dangerous, with the US pondering the possibility of an Iranian provocation and Tehran studying the US's inclination to resort to shows of force to assert its hegemony. Beyond such tactical questions, the larger strategic question is what is Washington's ultimate aim?

From Tehran's vantage point, it scored big points in recent drills that convinced the West of its vastly improved missile capability, contrary to various US expert studies that have painted a different picture, citing the Iranian missiles' lack of precision and relatively low payload. Confronted by a more lethal adversary than previously thought, the US is now treading a fine line by relying on its military muscle to deter any Iranian "asymmetrical" provocation that could see oil prices soar. The US containment strategy may not work, however, if Tehran decides to up the ante against the US over the sanctions that are hurting the Iranian economy.

This is unlikely to happen, however, as major US exemptions for the Iran oil sanctions will, at least for the next five months, give the green light for

business to continue mostly as usual with regards to Iran's oil shipments. Should the US choose to remove those exemptions when they are up for review, Iran may opt for more direct action in the Persian Gulf.

In this rapidly evolving milieu, the Persian Gulf is hostage to the geostrategic calculations of, on the one hand, a Western superpower and its local client states and, on the other, a traditional regional power with growing military prowess. What makes the scenario more dangerous is that the whole picture is moving in the direction of a zero-sum game of strategy, that is, a win-lose scenario, increasingly bereft of prior shades of grey indicating "shared" or "parallel" interests. This sharpening of conflicting interests is ready-made fuel for open conflict in the Persian Gulf.

In the assortment of available remedies, one can easily point to the ongoing multilateral nuclear talks between Iran and the "5 +1" nations (the United Nations Security Council permanent five members plus Germany) that have now been degraded to the level of experts. If the Western nations headed by the United States decide to continue with the uncompromising approach already seen at Iran Six meetings in Baghdad and Moscow, however, the nuclear standoff will linger and possibly worsen.

To de-escalate tensions with Iran, the West will need to take a vastly different negotiation strategy, one that is willing to trade sanctions for concessions. However, in a US election year, this is unlikely to happen.

Related articles:

Pentagon's 30,000-pound bunker-buster 'superbomb' ready for use (26 July, 2012)

<http://www.rt.com/news/massive-ordnance-penetrator-bomb-bunker-buster-144/>

The biggest conventional bomb ever developed is ready to wreak destruction upon the enemies of the US. Air Force Secretary Michael Donley said its record-breaking bunker-buster has become operational after years of testing. "If it needed to go today, we would be ready to do that," said Donley. "We continue to do testing on the bomb to refine its capabilities, and that is ongoing. We also have the capability to go with existing configuration today." The Pentagon has spent \$330 million to

develop and deliver more than 20 of the precision-guided Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP) bunker-busters, which are designed to blast through up to 200 feet of concrete. Although there has previously been a bigger nuclear device, the new conventional rocket is six times the weight of the previous bunker-buster used by the US Air Force, and carries an explosive payload of 5,300 pounds. US military chiefs openly admitted the weapon was built to attack the fortified nuclear facilities of “rogue states” such as Iran and North Korea. Although the Pentagon insists that it is not aimed at a specific threat, unnamed officials within the ministry have repeatedly claimed the bomb is being tailor-made to disable Iranian nuclear facilities at Fordo, or at least to intimidate Tehran. CLIP

US/NATO/Israel attack on Iran would be a catastrophe for everyone -
Bill Ayers (26 July 2012)

<http://www.rt.com/news/us-nato-attack-iran-military-nuclear-124/>

(...) RT: We are hearing war drums beating over Iran a lot lately. Do you think we will see the US embark on a new military escapade?

BA: It would be a catastrophe for everyone if the United States or NATO, which is just the United States' fig leaf, or Israel, went into Iran and attacked Iran. We can live in this world as a nation among nations, as long as we insist on the old colonial mentality that we can dominate other peoples, we can tell them how to be and have a double standard that is so grotesque. So we are frantic about the possibility that Iran might have a nuclear warhead someday. Meanwhile, we have 2,000 nuclear warheads and that doesn't make us frantic. Israel is the third largest nuclear power in the world, not part of nuclear proliferation and not part of even admitting that they have them. This is the world that is dangerous, that is unstable, but it is not unstable because of Iran. There is so many better ways to be a citizen of the world than to shake your sword every time you feel like it.

RT: The US has the biggest military budget in the world.

BA: A trillion dollars a year.

RT: What is really the necessity? We understand that if somebody attacks you, you have to be ready to defend yourself. But considering many people and critics of US war mongering say the US actually starts these wars, by itself builds this long list of enemies.

BA: Well that is my view. My view is that if you look at my whole lifetime, 67 years, the US has been engaged in a war virtually every year. And the wars are primarily wars of invasion and aggression, and occupation.

Vietnam we can now look back and say well that was illegal, immoral, a

tragedy, 3 million people were killed, 6,000 a week were killed in that unnecessary war – mostly civilians – and the US did it, it made it happen, under a lot of guises of bringing democracy and so on. There was a wonderful sign in the demonstrations recently that said “If you want to build democracy someplace, build it here.” And I think that is true. Peace is the answer and it begins here. We have to cut back our military budget, we have to close off our foreign military bases, we have to become a nation among nations, not the uber-nation exporting our will everywhere. (...) RT: During the last presidential elections obviously your name was talked about a lot by the mainstream media. What do you think is going to be the main controversy this time around?

BA: The one thing we know for sure is that money is always corrupting in politics. Not just here, but in Russia, in Europe, everywhere. Money corrupts politics. This election season in the US is going to see an absolute tidal wave of cash come in to this election. So last time out the Obama campaign spent half a billion dollars. This time each campaign will spend over a billion. It is hard to believe that anyone can look at that and say that this is what democracy looks like. I think that is what plutocracy looks like – rich people throwing cash around, buying votes, buying legislators. And that is unseeingly and certainly undemocratic sight. I have no idea what the controversy will be, but you can be sure it will be dirty and it will be expensive.

BUT THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE NONE OF THIS!

Iran & Israel - We love you!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBnCX7_bPxo

The cry for peace is gaining strength, and we need your support to show our leaders that neither Israelis nor Iranians want war!!! Join us and share this video! Ronny Edri's powerful words against the war with iran and his message of peace have circled the globe. Join the struggle, join the battle for peace!

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Israel-Loves-Iran NOT READY TO DIE IN YOUR WAR!!!

<http://www.facebook.com/israellovesiran>

We are millions of people who will be hurt., will be drafted, will have to fight, lose our lives, our relatives. We, parents from Tel Aviv and Teheran

will have to run with our children to the shelters and pray the missiles will miss us. But they will fall somewhere, on someone. These last few days the sound of war is becoming louder. So once again, loud and clear, we are saying NO to this war - We are saying to the people of Iran: We Love You

BREAKING NEWS build up to WW3: US wants CHAOS in SYRIA they ALLY with al-Qaeda (TERROR) (August 1, 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRCyteB54gc>

US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has said that President Assad should "get the hell out" of power. Statements such as these, however, are symptomatic of a confused and contradictory foreign policy on Syria, expert Lawrence Freeman told RT. Panetta, currently on tour of the Middle East, said in a CNN interview that the US is ramping up economic and diplomatic pressure "to have Assad step down and to transition to a democratic form of government." At the same time, the US Defense Secretary noted that it would be "important to maintain as much military and police" as possible after Assad leaves. Lawrence Freeman, editor of Executive Intelligence Review magazine, believes Panetta's statements indicate that Washington lacks a comprehensive policy in Syria, making it all the more the possible that the war could spill over and grasp the entire region.

Robert Fisk: Syria's Road from Jihad to Prison (Sept 2, 2012)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/fisk/robert-fisk-syrias-road-from-jihad-to-prison-8100749.html>

For the first time, a Western journalist has been granted access to Assad's military prisoners

Wireless radiation: A global event to educate the world about its dangers (proposed by Paul Doyon)

<http://prd34.blogspot.ca/2012/08/wireless-radiation-a-global-event-to.html>

On September 22, 2012, people will be gathering at simultaneous Harmonic Convergence 2 events around the world to unify in peace and stop the blatant poisoning of the people and wildlife of the Earth by corporations. Now, 25 years after the first Harmonic Convergence, it is all the more

critical that the world come together to end the proliferation of wireless radiation and reclaim and purify our Earth Mother's land, air, water, and food. Harmonic Convergence 2 is designed especially to help educate people about the dangers of wireless radiation and get them out to events located in nature, well-away from cell towers, Wi-Fi and cell phones. Since wireless emissions measure trillions of times higher than the human brain and the Earth's own natural healing frequency, we'd like to insure that those who attend these events can utilize the unadulterated healing energy of the Earth's own Schumann resonance. CLIP - Note from Jean: What is proposed bears little resemblance with the original Harmonic Convergence (which I helped widely promote at the time). To better grasp how fabulously fantastic this event was, check <<http://www.stylegui.de/mandyvideos/harmonic-convergence-1987-2012-rough-cut-2-5238239>>this video produced from original footage of the event, in part as shown on mainstream TV news 25 years ago on August 16 and 17. Still it is hard not to agree with the need to "educate people about harmful corporate technologies and energize a new vision for the world based on truth, accountability and the will of the concerned majority" as indicated at <http://www.harmonicplanet.org/> and easy to applaud this contemporary interpretation of the need for greater harmony, electromagnetically-wise, with the Earth's natural environment. Here is also what Lisa Anderson (currentnewsflash33@gmail.com) sent me on this

Harmonic Convergence 2- September 22-23, 2012, Worldwide

A quarter century ago, in 1987, the Harmonic Convergence catalyzed the largest simultaneous global healing gatherings this world has ever seen. It inspired people the world over to come together at sites held sacred by humanity, in order to synergize a new era of Peace, Consciousness and Environmental Purification.

In support of this Great Vision, please join us the Autumn equinox weekend, September 22-23, 2012, at grassroots gatherings held throughout the world. Through circle ceremony at sacred nature sites, we will empower our intention to reclaim and purify our Earth Mother's land, air, water, and food from corporate control, with a sustainable economic system that equally serves all the people and creatures of this Earth.

Please support our intention to come together in Great Circles of Loving

Intent, to:

- Sing for Freedom
- Dance for Peace
- Drum for Unity
- Celebrate Healing

We ask that there be no admission, or buying and selling of products at these events. Please come fully contained and leave nothing behind when you leave. It is of the utmost importance that all technology and electronics be left at home, so that we can fully connect with the powerful vibration of our Earth Mother.

You can help by organizing a gathering in your area and registering the details on our website, if your event is open to the public. We highly recommend that gatherings be held in natural locations well away from cell towers and other antennas that emit electromagnetic radiation, since their emissions measure trillions of times higher than the earth's own natural healing resonance.

Together, with Great Auspicious Vision, we create a world that nurtures the Highest Good of All.

'A Great Silence Is Spreading Over the Natural World (3 September 2012)
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/sep/03/bernie-krause-natural-world-recordings> Bernie Krause has spent 40 years recording nature's sounds. But such is the rate of species and habitat loss that his tapes may become our only record of the original diversity of life (...) One in four mammals is threatened with extinction, he says. With the exception of a few sites, frog populations are in decline worldwide and birds are beginning to show radical signs of territorial shifting."Things are beginning to quiet down in the pristine habitats. The combination of shrinking habitat and increasing human pandemonium have produced conditions under which the channels ... necessary for creature survival are being completely overloaded. The voices of the wild in their purest states where no [human] noise is present are splendid symphonies."But the wild natural world, comprised of vast areas not managed by humans, rarely exists now except in a few isolated places such as the Alaskan wilderness, the far

Canadian north, Siberia, the pampas of Argentina and Uruguay, and the Brazilian Pantanal which are still rich with natural sound, he says."The fragile weave of natural sound is being torn apart by our seemingly boundless need to conquer the environment rather than to find a way to abide in consonance with it."

Note from Jean: Someone recommended me to watch a video purporting that the Agenda 21 is a nefarious plan concealed as a benign environmental disguise. Here is what I replied on Sept 15, 2012:

Thanks for giving me a window into this debate on viewing Agenda 21 and sustainable development as a benign project intended for the good of all versus the same being viewed as a stealthy attempt to pervert the noble aims of environmentalists towards implementing a dictatorial, elitist, orwellian agenda.

Without having the luxury of time to engage into a long debate on this, I would like to give you my quick impression on this - in case it may help.

Either views can be seen and substantiated as valid. It depends on what kind of frame of reference you wish to operate under.

Your arguments and info Josh about big corporate interests withholding free energy discoveries and patents to protect their bottom line is a well establish fact for me - and it seems further substantiated by what was told to you by an unnamed "US Patent Examiner who is sick of tired of the suppression of energy". It can indeed also be VERY much likely that an elite group has been trying to subvert the noble aims of the environmental movement to prop up their own agenda. They have always tried to do that. They are most cunning, control many strings to pull at their puppets in every sphere of human activity (politic, corporate and media world), BUT they are not infallible. Still, what they are most good at is creating and nurturing smokescreens to hide their true agenda through supporting both sides of an argument, like financing corrupt science against global warming while also indirectly financing environmental groups in the hope they'll subtly tow their line by not coming out too strongly against it (promoting techno solutions without questioning the dominance of oil as a main source of energy, in short, hacking at the branches instead of at the

roots of the Problem as what many mainstream enviro groups do), or even supporting both parties in a conflict as they did for instance during World War 2, financing both the US/UK and Germany's war effort <<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2004/sep/25/usa.secondworldwar>>as did W's grandfather, Prescott Bush.

Their concealment of the <<http://www.barefootsworld.net/seattle.html>>ET presence and influence on Earth and <http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/ciencia/ciencia_extraterrestrialtech.htm>back-engineering of ET technology that has now trickled down into every electronic gadget we use is another example of their constant manipulation of "reality" for their purpose... and they clearly understand that disclosure would ultimately mean the end of their power over the people. The current addictive fad for smart phones and digital instant communications (check <<http://9to5mac.com/2012/08/16/times-new-wireless-issue-examines-smartphone-dependency-in-the-modern-age/>>TIME's Wireless Issue examines phone dependency in the modern age to better graps this) is another example of how great tools are being adeptly used by them to further maintain those 'contaminated' too busy to think about changing the system, while soul aware activists and ET benign "fifth column" incarnated and <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walk-in>>walked-in assets are using the same technology to counter blow by blow the <<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-390424387879906415#>>Elite Matrix System and help shepherd the "Human Experiment" towards a higher dimensional outcome - think about the Occupy movement or the zillions of micro NGOs and citizens groups who collectively do much of the invisible, heavy lifting towards the planned Golden Age.

Analyzing and understanding what's happening always depends on what type of conceptual filters you examine 'reality' through. No filter and absolute non attachment to any sort of result, in the spirit of totally respecting the freewill of all souls involved, (the Cosmic Hands-off policy of no overt intervention, akin to the Start Trek's <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Directive>Prime Directive) being the ideal IMHO, because the name of the Real Game is spiritual evolution through accrued multihued experiences on the Way back to Source, and that involves staging massively complex and all pervading reality 'games', as the one we have here, to allow for all kinds of challenges to test the

mettle of re-awakening souls, while striving to lure recalcitrant souls back onto the ascension track - an ongoing operation in all dimensional realms of this multiverse.

Of course, rarely do people envision things through this 'peculiar' paradigm lense I'm offering above.

So, of course anyone is free to buy into the Dark View on the global Agenda 21. I tried while listening to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2N0vyT3kxw> as you suggested, but I could not go beyond watching half of it because the anti UN propaganda slant - indeed Tea Party-like - was becoming so obvious and unbearable to me. It all looks so manipulative... planting seemingly benign, acceptable ideas into an otherwise brilliant presentation makes it even more cunning because who is to oppose the sanctity of private ownership after all? But as <http://www.barefootsworld.net/seattle.html> Chief Seattle famously said : "The President in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. But how can you buy or sell the sky... the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them? Every part of the earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every meadow, every humming insect. All are holy in the memory and experience of my people."

I see a future without money nor possession. All being free to all with no one controlling any single piece of land. No borders, etc... just as John Lennon envisioned. And no more crude Life-sucking microwave wirelessness... Just telepathy... and a fully revived Oneness Consciousness ;-)

Ho!

Jean

Venezuela's Oil Refinery Blaze: Seven Good Reasons to Suspect Sabotage
(August 31, 2012)

http://axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/Article_64932.shtml

Only 43 days before the Venezuelan presidential election and with President Chávez leading by a persistent margin of 20 percentage points, an explosion and fire at the Amuay refinery killed at least 48 people - half of those were members of the National Guard – and destroyed oil facilities producing 645,000 barrels of oil per day. Immediately following the explosion and fire, on script, all the mass media in the US and Great Britain, and the right wing Venezuelan opposition launched a blanket condemnation of the government as the perpetrator of the disaster accusing it of “gross negligence” and “under-investment” in safety standards. Yet there are strong reasons to reject these self-serving accusations and to formulate a more plausible hypothesis, namely that the explosion was an act of sabotage, planned and executed by a clandestine group of terrorist specialists acting on behalf of the US government. There are powerful arguments to sustain and pursue this line of inquiry. CLIP

From: <http://communities.washingtontimes.com/neighborhood/leading-edge-legal-advice-everyday-matters/2012/aug/1/i-object-i-disagree-can-i-now-say-so-publicly/>

"Anti-Occupy" law ends American's right to protest

By Paul Samakow

It does not matter who you are, what group you represent, what injustice you want to rally against - it can now land you in jail

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 1, 2012 — I was stunned upon hearing a news report about a protest going on in China. Teachers, parents with their young, school-age children and pro-democracy activists (one estimate was 90,000 people) marched in Hong Kong to government headquarters last Sunday to publicly protest a new required “Patriotism” class, to be taught in the school system starting in 2015. The protestors think that the effort of the Chinese government here is to brainwash their kids in favor of communism.

What stunned me was that this protest, in China, against the government’s upcoming policy, at the government headquarters, would not now be tolerated here in the United States of America.

Thanks to almost zero media coverage, few of us know about a law passed this past March, severely limiting our right to protest. The silence may have been due to the lack of controversy in bringing the bill to law: Only three of our federal elected officials voted against the bill's passage. Yes, Republicans and Democrats agreed on something almost 100%.

We have lived through a number of protests, large and small, and if we are like most, we shrug because the protestors or their message is either irrelevant or objectionable to us, and does not affect us. This non-interest is the case even when some of the protestors and some of their messages are highly objectionable.

Recent example Number One are the military funeral protests by the Westboro Baptist Church. This very small, anti-gay group from Topeka, Kansas says that God is punishing the United States for accepting gay rights by killing US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. They protested at the funeral of Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former presidential candidate John Edwards, because she supported gay rights. Our Supreme Court upheld the rights of these bigots to continue their protests. We hated the opinion while we recognized its correctness.

The First Amendment to our Constitution guarantees us the rights of free speech and assembly. A fundamental purpose of our free speech guarantee is to invite dispute. Protests can and have been the catalyst for positive change. Thus while we despise that protestors can burn our flag as protected political speech, and we hate that Neo-Nazis can march down our streets, we recognize the rights of these groups to do what they do and we send our troops across the world to fight for these rights.

Last year's "occupy movement" scared the government. On March 8, President Obama signed a law that makes protesting more difficult and more criminal. The law is titled the Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act, and it passed unanimously in the Senate and with only three "no" votes in the House. It was called the "Trepass Bill" by Congress and the "anti-Occupy law" by everyone else who commented.

The law "improves" public grounds by forcing people - protestors - elsewhere. It amends an older law that made it a federal crime to "willfully and knowingly" enter a restricted space. Now you will be found guilty of

this offense if you simply “knowingly” enter a restricted area, even if you did not know it was illegal to do so. The Department of Homeland Security can designate an event as one of “national significance,” making protests or demonstrations near the event illegal.

The law makes it punishable by up to ten years in jail to protest anywhere the Secret Service “is or will be temporarily visiting,” or anywhere they might be guarding someone. Does the name Secret tell you anything about your chances of knowing where they are? The law allows for conviction if you are “disorderly or disruptive,” or if you “impede or disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions.” You can no longer heckle or “boo” at a political candidate’s speech, as that would be disruptive.

After you swallow all of this and correctly conclude that it is now very easy to be prosecuted for virtually any public protest, you should brace yourself and appreciate that it is even worse. Today, any event that is officially defined as a National Special Security Event has Secret Service protection. This can include sporting events and concerts.

The timing of the law was not coincidental. The bill was presented to the Senate, after House passage, on November 17, 2011, during an intense nationwide effort to stop the Occupy Wall Street protests. Two days before, hundreds of New York police conducted a raid on the demonstrators’ encampment in Zucotti Park, shutting it down and placing barricades.

This law chips away our First Amendment rights. Its motivation is 100 percent politically based, as it was designed to silence those who would protest around politicians giving speeches. Both Republicans and Democrats agreed they did not want hecklers at their rallies. If you want to protest a politician speaking to a crowd now, you can do so maybe a half mile or so away.

We used to have a right of access to streets, sidewalks, and public parks to engage in political discussion and protest. The government should be able to impose reasonable limits to ensure public order, but that power must have a limit; it must never be used to quell unpopular opinion or to discriminate against disfavored speakers. Protestors must be allowed to be in the same place at the same time as the speaker they oppose. The

presence of a Secret Service Agent (remember, how do we know they are there?) should not prevent us from lawfully, non-violently organizing and demonstrating against a cause or a speaker we disfavor.

Months after Occupy Wall Street goes global, will it survive? (June 7, 2012)
<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/260991/pinoyabroad/world/features/months-after-occupy-wall-street-goes-global-will-it-survive>

More than eight months after Occupy Wall Street burst onto the global stage, decrying income inequality and coining the phrase "We are the 99 percent," the movement's survival and continued relevance is far from assured. Donations to the flagship New York chapter have slowed to a trickle. Polls show that public support is rapidly waning. Media attention has dropped precipitously. Bursts of violence, threats of municipal chaos and two alleged domestic terror plots have put Occupy on a recurring collision course with law enforcement. Even its social media popularity, a key indicator of the strength of a youthful movement, has fizzled since its zenith last fall. National electoral successes - the legacy of the Tea Party, the other major American grassroots movement created in recent years - are not even on the agenda of the famously leaderless organization. While the movement's signature triumph has been to draw worldwide attention to income inequality in America and elsewhere, some who are sympathetic say it has nevertheless failed a crucial test of social movements: the ability to adapt and grow through changing tactics. "Most of the social scientists who are at all like me - unsentimental leftists - ... think this movement is over," said Harvard University professor Theda Skocpol, a liberal academic who wrote a book on the Tea Party. She and others wonder whether Occupy will ever really thrive without solid footing in the mainstream of American political discourse. Bill Dobbs of Occupy New York's press team takes a different view. He compares the OWS struggle to that of America's civil rights movement - long and uphill, with broad goals to radically alter American society. The first step, he said, has been to re-animate America's long-dormant spirit of social activism. "We in America have allowed ourselves to be put into a political coma," Dobbs told Reuters. "Occupy Wall Street has shaken the country out of that coma." But are sporadic protests enough to change the nation? CLIP

Romney and Bain: The True Story - by Matt Taibbi, Rolling Stone
<http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/13180-focus-romney->

and-bain-the-true-story

"Last May, in a much-touted speech in Iowa, Romney used language that was literally inflammatory to describe America's federal borrowing. "A prairie fire of debt is sweeping across Iowa and our nation," he declared. "Every day we fail to act, that fire gets closer to the homes and children we love." Our collective debt is no ordinary problem: According to Mitt, it's going to burn our children alive.

And this is where we get to the hypocrisy at the heart of Mitt Romney. Everyone knows that he is fantastically rich, having scored great success, the legend goes, as a "turnaround specialist," a shrewd financial operator who revived moribund companies as a high-priced consultant for a storied Wall Street private <<http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/13180-focus-romney-and-bain-the-true-story#>>equity firm. But what most voters don't know is the way Mitt Romney actually made his fortune: by borrowing vast sums of money that other people were forced to pay back. This is the plain, stark reality that has somehow eluded America's top political journalists for two consecutive presidential campaigns: Mitt Romney is one of the greatest and most irresponsible debt creators of all time. In the past few decades, in fact, Romney has piled more debt onto more unsuspecting companies, written more gigantic checks that other people have to cover, than perhaps all but a handful of people on planet Earth.

By making debt the centerpiece of his campaign, Romney was making a calculated bluff of historic dimensions - placing a massive all-in bet on the rank incompetence of the American press corps. The result has been a brilliant comedy: A man makes a \$250 million fortune loading up companies with debt and then extracting million-dollar fees from those same companies, in exchange for the generous service of telling them who needs to be fired in order to finance the debt payments he saddled them with in the first place. That same man then runs for president riding an image of children roasting on flames of debt, choosing as his running mate perhaps the only politician in America more pompous and self-righteous on the subject of the evils of borrowed money than the candidate himself. If Romney pulls off this whopper, you'll have to tip your hat to him: No one in history has ever successfully run for president riding this big of a lie. It's almost enough to make you think he really is qualified for the White House."

Fox News' Sally Kohn: Paul Ryan's RNC Speech 'Was Attempt To Set World Record For Blatant Lies' (8/30/2012)
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/30/fox-news-sally-kohn-paul-ryan_n_1842580.html

According to Fox News columnist Sally Kohn, vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan's speech at the Republican National Convention on Wednesday "was an apparent attempt to set the world record for the greatest number of blatant lies and misrepresentations slipped into a single political speech." "On this measure, while it was Romney who ran the Olympics, Ryan earned the gold," Kohn wrote. In a surprising move, Fox News joined CNN, The Huffington Post, the Washington Post's Wonkblog, and ThinkProgress in publishing a fact-check of the Republican vice presidential nominee's speech, finding that the speech was full of lies and misleading assertions. Kohn, who describes herself as a "progressive voice on Fox News," wrote in her Thursday column that though Ryan came off as likable during his speech, his misrepresentations and omissions "caused a much larger problem for himself and his running mate." CLIP

Date: 24 Aug 2012
From: "Luis Morago - Avaaz.org" (avaaz@avaaz.org)
Subject: Pussy Riot is Free. Free Russia

Dear friends,

Facing 2 years in jail for singing a song criticizing President Putin in a church, a member of Pussy Riot gestured to the court and said in her show-trial's closing statements, "Despite the fact that we are physically here, we are freer than everyone sitting across from us ... We can say anything we want..."

Russia is steadily slipping into the grip of a new autocracy -- clamping down on public protest, allegedly rigging elections, intimidating media, banning gay rights parades for 100 years, and even beating critics like chess master Garry Kasparov. But many Russian citizens remain defiant, and Pussy Riot's eloquent bravery has galvanized the world's solidarity. Now, our best chance to prove to Putin there is a price to pay for this repression lies with Europe.

The European Parliament is calling for an assets freeze and travel ban on Putin's powerful inner circle who are accused of multiple crimes. Our community is spread across every corner of the world -- if we can push the Europeans to act, it will not only hit Putin's circle hard, as many bank and have homes in Europe, but also counter his anti-Western propaganda, showing him that the whole world is willing to stand up for a free Russia. Click below to support the sanctions and tell everyone:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/free_pussy_riot_free_russia_a/

Last week's trial is about far more than three women and their 40-second 'punk prayer'. When tens of thousands flooded the streets to protest rigged elections, the government threw organisers into jail for weeks. And in June Parliament effectively outlawed dissent by raising the fine for unsanctioned protest an astounding 150-fold, roughly the average Russian's salary for a whole year.

Pussy Riot may be the most famous Russian activists right now, but their sentence is not the grossest injustice of Putin's war on dissent. In 2009, anti-corruption lawyer Sergei Magnitsky, who uncovered a massive tax fraud at the heart of Russia's power dealers, died in jail -- without a trial, on shaky charges, and with medical attention repeatedly denied. 60 of Russia's elite have been under scrutiny for the case and its cover-up, and the sanctions the European Parliament is proposing are on this inner circle.

International attention to Russia's crackdown is cresting right now, and the 'Magnitsky sanctions' are the best way to put the heat on Putin and help create breathing room for the suffocating democracy movement. Let's give Europe's leaders a global public mandate to adopt the sanctions. Sign the petition now and share this with everyone:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/free_pussy_riot_free_russia_a/

What happens in Russia matters to us all. Russia has blocked international coordination on Syria and other urgent global issues, and a Russian autocracy threatens the world we all want, wherever we are. The Russian people face a serious challenge, but we know that people-powered movements are the best cure for corruption and iron-fisted governments - and that international solidarity can help keep the flame of these movements alive. Let's join together now to show Putin that the world

will hold him to account and push for change until Russia is set free.

With hope,

Luis, David, Alice, Ricken, Lisa, Vilde, and the Avaaz team

More information:

Pussy Riot sentenced to 2 years in jail for stunt against Putin:

<http://world.time.com/2012/08/17/protests-verdict-loom-for-russias-jailed-punks/>

Russia faces angry response to jailing of Pussy Riot members (Irish Times)

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/frontpage/2012/0818/1224322386243.html>

Media Frenzy Over Pussy Riot Obscures Legal Plights Of Lesser-Known Protesters (Radio Free Europe)

<http://www.rferl.org/content/russia-antigovernment-protesters-jail-time-pussy-riot/24677862.html>

Moscow election official: I helped rig Russia vote (NBC News)

http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2011/12/06/9255664-moscow-election-official-i-helped-rig-russia-vote?lite

As US acts on Magnitsky, Europe debates (The Moscow Times)

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/as-us-acts-on-magnitsky-europe-debates/463107.html>

Hidden Government Scanners Will Instantly Know Everything About You From 164 Feet Away (JULY 10, 2012)

<http://gizmodo.com/5923980/the-secret-government-laser-that-instantly-knows-everything-about-you>

Within the next year or two, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will instantly know everything about your body, clothes, and luggage with a new laser-based molecular scanner fired from 164 feet (50 meters) away. From traces of drugs or gun powder on your clothes to what you had for breakfast to the adrenaline level in your body—agents will be able to get any information they want without even touching you. And without

you knowing it.

(...) Observation without limits

There has so far been no discussion about the personal rights and privacy issues involved. Which "molecular tags" will they be scanning for? Who determines them? What are the threshold levels of this scanning? If you unknowingly stepped on the butt of someone's joint and are carrying a sugar-sized grain of cannabis like that unfortunate traveler currently in jail in Dubai, will you be arrested? And, since it's extremely portable, will this technology extend beyond the airport or border crossings and into police cars, with officers looking for people on the street with increased levels of adrenaline in their system to detain in order to prevent potential violent outbursts? And will your car be scanned at stoplights for any trace amounts of suspicious substances? Would all this information be recorded anywhere? There are a lot of questions with no answer yet, but it's obvious that the potential level of personal invasion of this technology goes far beyond that of body scans, wiretaps, and GPS tracking.

The end of privacy coming soon

According to the undersecretary for science and technology of the Department of Homeland Security, this scanning technology will be ready within one to two years, which means you might start seeing them in airports as soon as 2013. In other words, these portable, incredibly precise molecular-level scanning devices will be cascading lasers across your body as you walk from the bathroom to the soda machine at the airport and instantly reporting and storing a detailed breakdown of your person, in search of certain "molecular tags". Going well beyond eavesdropping, it seems quite possible that U.S. government plans on recording molecular data on travelers without their consent, or even knowledge that it's possible—a scary thought. While the medical uses could revolutionize the way doctors diagnose illness, and any technology that could replace an aggressive pat-down is tempting, there's a potential dark side to this implementation, and we need to shine some light on it before it's implemented.

The Obama administration has torpedoed the arms trade treaty (August 3, 2012)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/03/obama-administration-arms-trade-treaty>

In late June, activists gathered in New York's Times Square to make the ... point that, unbelievably, "there are more rules governing your ability to trade a banana from one country to the next than governing your ability to trade an AK-47 or a military helicopter". So said Amnesty International USA's Suzanne Nossel ... just before the start of the UN conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), which ran from 2 July to 27 July. Thanks to a last-minute declaration by the United States that it "needed more time" to review the short, 11-page treaty text, the conference ended last week in failure. There isn't much that could be considered controversial in the treaty. Signatory governments agree not to export weapons to countries that are under an arms embargo, or to export weapons that would facilitate "the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes" or other violations of international humanitarian law. Exports of arms are banned if they will facilitate "gender-based violence or violence against children" or be used for "transnational organised crime". Why does the US need more time than the more than 90 other countries that had sufficient time to read and approve the text? The answer lies in the power of the gun lobby [and] the arms industry. The US is the world's largest weapons producer, exporter and importer. Protesters outside the UN during the ATT conference erected a mock graveyard, with each headstone reading: "2,000 people killed by arms every day." That's more than one person killed every minute.

The ladies of Iceland saved the day!! Okay, ladies, let's us all do it NOW!!
(May 27, 2012)

<http://jhaines6.wordpress.com/2012/05/27/the-ladies-of-iceland-saved-the-day-okay-ladies-lets-us-all-do-it-now/>

Many folks are still unaware of the astounding events that recently took place in Iceland. The tiny country of Iceland has become a model for all nations across the planet in our collective war against the central banking cabal, or as Max Kaiser has aptly named it: "Banker Occupation".

Link to missing video: <<http://jhaines6.wordpress.com/2012/05/27/the-ladies-of-iceland-saved-the-day-okay-ladies-lets-us-all-do-it-now/>>The ladies of Iceland saved the day!! Okay, ladies, let's us all do it NOW!!

The government of Iceland has forgiven the mortgage debt for much of its population. This nation chose a very different way of stopping the crisis from the rest of European countries. It decided to hear the requests of the

population and to put politicians and bankers on the bench of the accused three years after their financial excesses would sink one of the most prosperous economies in 2008. However, most of the details have been concealed until Irish researcher/educator Ian R. Crane shared them on <http://www.redicecreations.com/> Red Ice Creations, an extremely popular internet radio program & web site out of Sweden. Ian R Crane is an ex-oilfield executive who now lectures, writes and broadcasts on the geo-political webs that are being spun; with particular focus on US Hegemony and the NWO agenda for control of global resources. Ian Crane explains what happened in Iceland and the critical role the Icelandic women played in booting the IMF/World Bank schemes out of their country including the Icelandic women's pot and pans brigade strategy: 23 min audio clip of Ian Crane discussing the globalists and the people of Iceland

In the full May 20, 2012 interview, Ian Crane also discussed:

- What globalization is really about
- How the Euro was created as part of the Rothschild's global currency scheme
- What Tony Blair did with the Brit's gold
- How the IMF/World Bank loans fleece countries across the planet
- John Perkin's book: Confession of an Economic Hitman

Link to full interview

As a former 'oil man', Ian has also had a ring side seat to the 911, peak oil, and Iraq war scam as well. http://ianrcrane.com/index.php?route=information/information&information_id=8 The advancement of the peak oil myth

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"A woman's . . . anger can override her fear. An irate woman's power must never be underestimated . . ."

<http://www.ianrcrane.com/> Ian R Crane web site

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Check also...

Monsanto shells out \$4.2 million to sabotage California GMO labeling initiative (August 22, 2012)

http://www.naturalnews.com/036903_Monsanto_GMO_labeling_California.html

(NaturalNews) California has the unique opportunity to be the first state in the union to require that genetically-modified organisms (GMOs) be properly identified and labeled on most food items. But the Monsanto Company, one of the biggest purveyors of GMOs, and several other factory food and agriculture corporations are trying to sabotage this effort by contributing millions of dollars to defeat a ballot proposition that would require mandatory GMO labeling. If passed, Proposition 37, known as the California Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act, will require that all foods made with or containing GMOs, including both raw and processed foods, be labeled as such when sold at the retail level. Products made with or containing GMOs will also be prohibited from being marketed and sold as "natural," a highly-deceptive practice that has become quite common today. Though not perfect, Prop. 37 represents a large step forward towards honest food labeling, which has been severely lacking in the U.S. since GMOs first came onto the scene back in the early 1990s. If Californians successfully pass Prop. 37 in November, much of the rest of the U.S. will likely follow in its footsteps in the coming months and years, which has the potential to unhinge the corporate monopoly that currently controls the American food supply. But as grassroots efforts try to promote better transparency in labeling, companies like Monsanto, Dupont, Pepsico and others are simultaneously working hard to keep Americans in the dark about the foods they eat. Monsanto recently forked over a whopping \$4.2 million dollars to defeat Prop. 37, while Dupont contributed more than \$1.2 million against it. Dow Agrosiences, Pepsico, Nestle, Coca-Cola, Bayer Cropscience, ConAgra, BASF, the Kellogg's Company, Hershey's, Hormel and many other industrial food and chemical producers have also donated millions to defeat Prop. 37. You can view a list of the top 20 largest contributors trying to defeat Prop. 37 here: <http://www.carighttoknow.org>

You can also learn more about Prop. 37 here:

<http://www.carighttoknow.org>

And here: <http://votersedge.org/california/ballot-measures/2012/november/prop-37>

(...) Nearly 50 other countries, including China, Russia, and all the countries in the European Union (EU), currently label GMOs. The U.S.

and Canada are among the only developed nations in the world that do not require honest food labeling. The passage of Prop. 37 on November 6; however, could change this.

Millions against Monsanto

<http://organicconsumers.org/monsanto/index.cfm>

Study finds tumors in rats fed on Monsanto's GM corn (September 19, 2012)

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/49086360/ns/health-health_care#.UF3bfaDYHSs

French scientists said on [September 19] that rats fed on Monsanto's genetically modified corn or exposed to its top-selling weedkiller suffered tumors and multiple organ damage. Gilles-Eric Seralini of the University of Caen and colleagues said rats fed on a diet containing NK603 - a seed variety made tolerant to dousings of Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller - or given water with Roundup at levels permitted in the United States, died earlier than those on a standard diet. The animals on the GM diet suffered mammary tumors, as well as severe liver and kidney damage. The study was published in the peer-reviewed journal Food and Chemical Toxicology and presented at a news conference in London. The researchers said 50 percent of males and 70 percent of females died prematurely, compared with only 30 percent and 20 percent in the control group. GMOs are deeply unpopular in Europe and many other countries, but dominate key crops in the United States after Monsanto in 1996 introduced a soybean genetically altered to tolerate Monsanto's Roundup weed killer. Seralini was part of a team that has voiced previous safety concerns based on a shorter rat study in a scientific paper published in 2009. This new study takes things a step further by tracking the animals throughout their two-year lifespan. Seralini believes his latest lifetime rat tests give a more realistic and authoritative view of risks than the 90-day feeding trials that form the basis of GM crop approvals, since three months is only the equivalent of early adulthood in rats.

GMO, Global Alert

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Njd0RugGjAg>

French researchers secretly studied, for two years, 200 rats fed with transgenic maize. Tumors, serious disorders... full-fledged slaughter. And a bomb for the GMO industry. More information <http://www.gmo-global-alert.net>

G.M.O.'s: Let's Label 'Em (September 15, 2012)

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/09/15/g-m-o-s-lets-label-em>

It's not an exaggeration to say that almost everyone wants to see the labeling of genetically engineered materials contained in their food products. And on Nov. 6, in what's unquestionably among the most important non-national votes this year, Californians will have the opportunity to make that happen [by voting] on Proposition 37. It would require "labeling on raw or processed food offered for sale to consumers if made from plants or animals with genetic material changed in specified ways." And it would prohibit marketing "such food, or other processed food, as 'natural.'" Polls show Prop 37 to be overwhelmingly popular: roughly 65 percent for to 20 percent against, with 15 percent undecided. Nationally, on the broader issue of labeling, in answer to the question of whether the Food and Drug Administration should require that "foods which have been genetically engineered or containing genetically engineered ingredients be labeled to indicate that," a whopping 91 percent of voters say yes and 5 percent say no. This is as nonpartisan as an issue gets, and the polls haven't changed much in the last couple of years. Unsurprisingly, Big Food in general - and particularly companies like Monsanto that produce genetically engineered seeds ... have already thrown tens of millions of dollars into defeating Prop 37. In general, as California goes, so goes the nation.

The world most dangerous food scam exposed - Genetic Roulette

<http://geneticroullettemovie.com>

Genetic Roulette Movie Trailer

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vv96D_ZURzs

This seminal documentary provides compelling evidence to help explain the deteriorating health of Americans, especially among children, and offers a recipe for protecting ourselves and our future.

Genetic Roulette - The Gamble of our Lives (Oct 8, 2012) FULL MOVIE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnlTYFKBg18>

Are you and your family on the wrong side of a bet? When the US government ignored repeated warnings by its own scientists and allowed untested genetically modified (GM) crops into our environment and food supply, it was a gamble of unprecedented proportions. The health of all living things and all future generations were put at risk by an infant

technology. After two decades, physicians and scientists have uncovered a grave trend. The same serious health problems found in lab animals, livestock, and pets that have been fed GM foods are now on the rise in the US population. And when people and animals stop eating genetically modified organisms (GMOs), their health improves. This seminal documentary provides compelling evidence to help explain the deteriorating health of Americans, especially among children, and offers a recipe for protecting ourselves and our future. More information can be found at: <http://geneticroullettemovie.com> and <http://responsibletechnology.org>

Superweeds linked to rising herbicide use in GM crops (Oct 04, 2012)
http://www.seeddaily.com/reports/Superweeds_linked_to_rising_herbicide_use_in_GM_crops_999.html

A study published this week by Washington State University research professor Charles Benbrook finds that the use of herbicides in the production of three genetically modified herbicide-tolerant crops - cotton, soybeans and corn - has actually increased. This counterintuitive finding is based on an exhaustive analysis of publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agriculture Statistics Service. Benbrook's analysis is the first peer-reviewed, published estimate of the impacts of genetically engineered (GE) herbicide-resistant (HT) crops on pesticide use. CLIP

ICELAND CONTINUES ECONOMIC REJUVENATION BY PURGING FINANCIAL PARASITES <http://socialwarriors.co.uk/2012/05/iceland-continues-economic-rejuvenation-by-purging-financial-parasites> ... and the other accompanying links there to find out what really happened there that no lamestream media dare reporting.

Ryan's Budget: Right in Your Face, America! By Ralph Nader (August 16, 2012)

<http://nader.org/2012/08/16/ryans-budget-right-in-your-face-america/>
The cruel impoverishment of the debate among the presidential and congressional candidates took a gigantic leap into the pits with Mitt Romney's selection of 42-year-old Rep. Paul Ryan from the deindustrialized town of Janesville, Wisconsin. Ryan is invariably described by reporters as "an intellectual leader of the conservative movement" and by fellow Republicans as a person "who tells the hard truths" to the American people. The truth is that what has distinguished this fast-talking,

glib, Ayn Rand-smitten, congenial young man is that he has a plan for the federal budget. On Capitol Hill that fact alone makes one a “stand-out” in the field of political narcissists whose mental tank harbors gaseous one-liners and kneejerk slogans. The Ryan budget plan is a Koch brothers’ dream and the American peoples’ nightmare. It leads with a lie – namely to control deficit spending by continuing it for at least 30 more years before his concoction of big tax cuts for the rich, further increases in the already bloated defense budget, and savage cuts in public services for the people, somehow balance the budget around mid-century. Ryan’s brain is chock-full of such cognitive dissonance that it would blow a normal person’s mind. He is a practicing Catholic, but since his youth has been a disciple of the militant atheist Ayn Rand who despised altruism and “love thy neighbor” values while edifying extreme selfishness and greed. His plan for social security is social insecurity. Make people work longer before receiving curtailed benefits, invest trillions of dollars of these funds in the volatile stock market and make sure that rich people only have to pay social security taxes on a fraction of their earned income. He would open the floodgates on future Medicare to the rapacious health insurance companies through a voucher system whereby the elderly are fed to these sharks with ever-higher co-pays. His “block grant plan alone would lead states to drop between 14 and 27 million people (the poor and those with disabilities) from Medicaid by 2021,” according to the Urban Institute. (...) He proposes deep cuts in widespread hunger alleviating food stamps. He opposes the minimum wage while he fights to eliminate or reduce taxes on capital gains and other taxes on the already undertaxed very-wealthy who have poured money into his and other Republicans’ campaign kitties. (...) So Mr. Ryan is a closet corporatist who won’t even urge cracking down on the hundreds of billions of dollars that companies defraud the federal government every year, including documented fraud on Medicare, Medicaid and the Defense Department. If the Democrats can’t use the Ryan budget as their ticket to victory this November in Congress and the White House, then they are truly the terminally decaying party of caution, cash and cowardliness. In reality, the Ryan budget, thrown right in the face of the American people, is the ultimate test of what’s left of the Democrats besides their donkey.

Government Workers With Ties to Child Porn (September 19, 2012)
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/85broads/2012/09/19/to-catch->

government-workers-with-ties-to-child-porn-call-the-irs/

There is a national crisis of federal employees engaged in the child porn industry and a related epidemic at the state level. Two states, Vermont and Maine ... appear to be running state protected child trafficking rings with evidence of cops, judges, lawyers, clergy and government employees covering for each other. This kind of racketeering creates powerful, and extremely profitable, pedophile rings. Money drives the crime. It is estimated that a criminal willing to molest a child in front of a live webcam can earn \$1,000 a night. In Kittery Maine, at the "Danish Health Club," one bust yielded \$6.1 million in "door fees" over a five year period with "prostitutes" earning \$12 million. Pimps' earnings were not reported. The "door man" was a retired police officer whose wife worked in back. Half of all global child porn is produced in America. Ten new images of children are posted daily. Estimates of the global profits from child porn range from \$3-20 billion. The Department of Justice (DOJ)'s Child Exploitation and Obscenities unit has been, by many accounts, totally disabled under US Attorney General Eric Holder. Mr. Holder even refused to prosecute his own Assistant United States Attorney caught doing child porn on DOJ computers. Child trafficking and porn are the fastest growing crimes in America. With billions being laundered in black money it makes solid economic sense for the IRS to focus on the child porn industry. Eric Holder's Department of Justice has demonstrated they have no interest in prosecuting pedophiles, not even their own.

From: Zackoree Harrison (zackoree@gmail.com) - 1 Aug 2012

Jean... Very much like your

<<http://www.EarthRainbowNetwork.com/FocusArchives/Week32.htm>>
intro to the meditation this week. What a subtle shift in thinking to imagine that we are returning to our original pristine pureness of Being. The thought I had while reading this is the story of how the caterpillar turns into a Butterfly, but wait, maybe he/she was a Butterfly first and turned into a caterpillar just to experience what it was like! In that story I can imagine the caterpillar going around wondering why it keeps having these dreams of becoming a Butterfly! Could it be a return to our Innocence?

On a similar theme, here is an email I sent out recently oh how to fix the global climate crisis:

<<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/global-warmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719>><http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/global-warmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719>

Friends,

Bill does a very good job of summing up our climate crisis dilemma with three numbers.

The first is limiting global warming to a 2 degrees Celsius rise, in order to have any hope at all of averting disaster.

The next is 565 gigatons of additional CO₂ in our atmosphere, this corresponds to the first number, meaning we would have to limit fossil fuel burning to that amount to stay within the 2 degree range.

And finally 2795 gigatons of known fossil fuel reserves owned by oil, gas and coal companies. This is the number that these companies want to 'burn' in order to make their profits. However the good news is that these reserves are still in the ground, the bad news is that they are already factored in to the financial value of the respective companies. You can begin to see why these companies and those people and countries dependent on them would not want to limit themselves to the 565 number - a 4/5th reduction in the value of their company.

Of course this brings to the forefront the bigger issue in the climate change/global warming debate - its all about money!

On the surface it looks like a drive for more profits is at odds for the survival of life on the planet. The concept of cancer comes to mind, where the unrestrained drive of cancer cells to reproduce ends up killing the host.

This understanding tends to refocus our concerns on our financial system, which itself seems headed for destruction! Could it be that these two monumentally catastrophic events are related? Does an oil based economy ring any bells?

To be fair though, changing our financial system seems more within our ability than a global warming intervention. I mean can't we just change our debt based monetary system to one that is backed by the ecological

resources of clean air, water and forests and thriving communities? Oh, but that would mean we would have to revalue our lives, our lifestyle and our living! Oh and then we would relate to our Planet in a new way and that would foster new values on and for all living things not just a "me first" kind of thinking.

If you think of our financial system as a story that we wrote and codified into law, can't we go back and erase that last chapter and rewrite it more to our liking and with respect to the process of Life on the Planet?

~Zackoree

Nuclear fears over French Polynesia atoll collapse (10 August 2012)
<http://enenews.com/abc-australia-nuclear-test-site-in-danger-of-collapsing-could-create-15-meter-tsunami-in-pacific-193-explosions-in-little-area-audio>

A leaked report has raised new fears that Murorua Atoll, the site of French nuclear testing in the Pacific, is in danger of collapsing. Murorua e Tatou says the issue was detailed in a leaked report from the Ministry of Defence to the French government dated March 2010. The Nuclear Association's president, Roland Oldham, told Radio Australia's Pacific Beat program that radioactive material could be released into the Pacific Ocean if the atoll were to collapse. "Just in that little area there is over maybe twelve underground tests in that area and we have to remember that France have done altogether 193 nuclear test explosions in Murorua," he said. "In the soil of Murorua, if something happens there is about 150 holes containing very dangerous radioactivity." The association says if the atoll were to collapse it could also trigger a 15 metre tsunami.[...] Mr Oldham says if the atoll collapses there could be international ramifications.[...] Oldham: "I think really it could happen anytime, we don't know if it's five years, ten years or maybe more." Listen to the report
<<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/program/pacific-beat/leaked-report-raises-new-fears-of-mururoa-nuclear-collapse/996882>>here

Correspondence and collusion between the New York Times and the CIA

(29 August 2012)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/29/correspondence-collusion-new-york-times-cia>

Mark Mazzetti's emails with the CIA expose the degradation of journalism that has lost the imperative to be a check to power -- The rightwing transparency group, Judicial Watch, released Tuesday a new batch of documents showing how eagerly the Obama administration shoveled information to Hollywood film-makers about the Bin Laden raid. Obama officials did so to enable the production of a politically beneficial pre-election film about that "heroic" killing, even as administration lawyers insisted to federal courts and media outlets that no disclosure was permissible because the raid was classified. Thanks to prior disclosures from Judicial Watch of documents it obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, this is old news. That's what the Obama administration chronically does: it manipulates secrecy powers to prevent accountability in a court of law, while leaking at will about the same programs in order to glorify the president. But what is news in this disclosure are the newly released emails between Mark Mazzetti, the New York Times's national security and intelligence reporter, and CIA spokeswoman Marie Harf. The CIA had evidently heard that Maureen Dowd was planning to write a column on the CIA's role in pumping the film-makers with information about the Bin Laden raid in order to boost Obama's re-election chances, and was apparently worried about how Dowd's column would reflect on them. CLIP

Vatican Bank - The secretive world of the corrupt Catholic Church bank [Catholic Church Exposed]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLMfMEZJ77s>

For more information about organized crimes of the Catholic Church, visit: <http://www.vaticancrimes.us> - LOTS of related revealing videos in the right-hand column of this youtube video

Home of ex-Vatican bank chief searched in widening Finmeccanica corruption probe (June 5, 2012)

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/06/05/home-of-ex-vatican-bank-c_n_1570013.html

Evil Exposed: Vatican behind ALL Government Laws, Banks & Global

Companies

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=yDWxdVmbo4g

The Catholic Church is the Great Harlot spoken of in the book of Revelations, it is the mother of all abominations on the Earth. It is responsible for all crimes, poverty and slavery on this planet and very soon it will go up in flames forever due to all the crimes it has caused misusing God's name. They have fooled the nations, bewitched the nations by using their false "mercy" appearance to deceive and commit crimes. Enough is enough!

The Vatican Exposed: Money, Murder, and the Mafia

<http://atheism.about.com/od/bookreviews/fr/VaticanExposed.htm>

There is no disputing the fact that the Vatican, the clerical bureaucracy which controls and leads the Roman Catholic Church, is a very powerful and secretive organization. There is also little disputing the fact that great power and great secrecy typically help an organization to become corrupt. Has the same occurred with the Vatican? Many believe so and there is quite a bit of evidence through the centuries of corruption at the Vatican which would rival that in any government or corporation. (...) Much of Williams' book involves an investigation of the activities of the Vatican Bank and those who have represented it in the name of the pope. Murder, mobsters, fraud... the title of the book may be rather lurid, but if only a portion of what Williams writes is true, then the title is also quite accurate and fair.

Vatican Bank has been accused of money-laundering \$200 million

<http://www.newworldorderreport.com/News/tabid/266/ID/1738/Vatican-Bank-has-been-accused-of-money-laundering-200-million.aspx>

The Bank of the Vatican has been accused of laundering USD 200 million by proxy through an Italian creditor, a report indicates. The allegation of the Vatican bank's financial corruption has been made by an Italian magazine that pointed to the financial institute's purported involvement in stealth fiscal transactions -via several accounts -with Italy's UniCredit Bank, Russia Today television network quoted the Panorama magazine as reporting. "This corruption is continuing on a regular basis in the Vatican," claimed Janathan Levy, a lawyer familiar with the bank. "Again, there's no reason for a religion to have a bank that does worldwide commercial activities, dealing in gold, dealing in insurance, dealing in property and then hiding behind the Roman Catholic Church," Levy pointed out. "I had the

privilege to walk inside this bank. It's nothing like a bank," the Russian news channel quoted another lawyer, Massimiliano Gabrieli, as saying. "If you go there you deposit or withdraw money without limit, without any kind of receipt for the bank and for the client. All you have is a single card with a number," he stated. The British London Telegraph, has recently ranked the Bank of the Vatican ahead of the Bahamas, Switzerland and Liechtenstein in banking secrecy. The Vatican has denied all charges.

Emanuela Orlandi 'was kidnapped for sex parties for Vatican police' (22 May 2012)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/vaticancityandholysee/9283407/Emanuela-Orlandi-was-kidnapped-for-sex-parties-for-Vatican-police.html>

A teenage girl whose disappearance in Rome has remained a mystery for 30 years was kidnapped for sex parties by a gang involving Vatican police and foreign diplomats, the Roman Catholic Church's leading exorcist has claimed. CLIP

From: <http://ourgreaterdestiny.wordpress.com/2012/07/05/to-all-who-inhabit-this-earth-end-denial-2/>

To All Who Inhabit This Earth – End Denial

by Doreen Agostino - July 5, 2012

Life as we know it is no longer sustainable, foretold as 2012 by many indigenous cultures, every major religion, and perceived by cutting-edge physicists and scientists to greatly alter the course of evolution.

Courage is a defining moment in the life of every human, which I perceive is now. Everything hidden is being revealed for each of us to look deeper at what we truly are; in other words our divinity, which gives us breath and perception of physical reality, is calling our human mind to awaken to the Oneness of All That Is, through heart intelligence.

On some level, collectively we brought internet into form to raise our awareness so that we can unite in a spirit of heart centered cooperation, end illusions of separation, scarcity, powerlessness, and transform the dark matrix sustained by OUR mistaken beliefs, fear, negativity, and

long held world views that limit potential, into a new social contract.

I perceive a class action lawsuit filed July 04, 2012 in Toronto, Ontario Canada against the Vatican, the Crown of England, the government and churches of Canada, and pharmaceutical corporations for crimes against humanity and criminal conspiracy, is clearly a turning point for ALL humans, and our home planet. Press conference video
<http://youtu.be/PHSwPGiHoVo>

More details <http://activistpost.com/2012/07/unprecedented-class-action-lawsuit.html>

This courageous action invites world citizens to end denial, unite in our hearts, and take a stand for justice, equality, transparency, world peace; profound respect for one another, all life forms, natural systems upon which all life depend for survival, to liberate a New Earth.

The time is now to awaken consciously, heal our inner emotional wounds that we project on other life forms, heal our relationships with one other, Earth, and all kingdoms. Tune in to Kevin Annett Acting Secretary, International Tribunal into Crimes of Church and State, on Align Shine Prosper inner-net radio July 11, 2012 <http://tobtr.com/s/3417993>

Please watch Earthlings [Part 1 of 7] <http://youtu.be/PAtxoEdhv2g>
or full documentary at <http://earthlings.com> and also speak up from the heart for those who have no voice.
Feed the good wolf and thrive! <http://wp.me/pWDrY-Ml>

Please share these links - go viral to raise awareness. I sense we require a critical mass of people to awaken consciously now, so that unity and heart intelligence transform negative prophecy into unbridled higher potential and a greater destiny for all creation. Thank you.

Doreen Agostino

Also posted by Doreen...

THE PENTAGON WANTS YOU TO KNOW . AND . NOTICE TO THE WORLD – ALERT PLEASE READ!

<http://ourgreaterdestiny.wordpress.com/2012/07/07/the-pentagon->

wants-you-to-know-and-notice-to-the-world-alert-please-read/

Sent by Lisa Rene Anderson (electricgoddess33@yahoo.com) on 30 June 2012

Obamacare (OBAMACON)

Between 1 out of every 2-3 people in America are now getting cancer. This is because, we are now eating GMO food spliced with toxins, being sprayed with aluminum (etc.) in chemtrails, plastered with 'wireless' radiation that breaks our DNA (see:

<<http://www.emractionday.org/science>>www.EMRAActionDay.org/science), flouride- a manufacturing toxin that ruins our bones- put in our water, pharmaceuticals given to us instead of addressing the root causes of disease, greedy corporations allowed to run the show, and the prospect for our children of a world corporate government that microchips us for better control, etc. etc. I prefer to help stop the establishment's dark agenda, than pay the bills for their depopulation program through Obamacare.

I was one of the idealistic people who voted for Obama. Unfortunately, a big smile and personality can be manufactured by the best of actors. If you study the evidence, since Obama was elected, we now face overwhelming internet censorship and loss of personal rights, war is promoted more than ever, much of our gov. budget spent on the very things that are poisoning us, our food is now 80% GMO, every cell tower and smart meter is fully stipended by the government, and our tax dollars and cancer rates are soaring higher than ever. I am NOT suggesting we vote for Romney. I am suggesting that we stop letting these entities poison us. Don't we care about our children? See:

"<<http://davidickebooks.co.uk/index.php?act=viewProd&productId=287>
<http://davidickebooks.co.uk/index.php?act=viewProd&productId=287>>
Remember Who You Are", by David Icke.

The Largest Stand Ever Against Chemtrails!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kaIedYhMK3E>

Check also <http://www.consciousnessbeyondchemtrails.com/>

Third whistle blower confirms Obama's participation in CIA jump room program of early 1980's

<http://exopolitics.blogs.com/exopolitics/2012/07/third-whistle-blower-confirms-obamas-participation-in-cia-jump-room-program-of-early-1980s.html>

(...) The CIA jump room program, and its origin with a species of Grey extraterrestrials with whom the U.S. government has had an ongoing secret human-extraterrestrial liaison program, is of the highest national security to the U.S. government. The CIA and U.S. national security apparatus surrounding U.S. President Barack Obama will do everything in its power during the 2012 election year to suppress evidence that (1) Mr. Obama was part of a secret teleportation jump room program using Grey extraterrestrial technology to reach synthetic quantum environments (SQEs), destinations architected by Grey extraterrestrials. The CIA apparatus has been suppressing evidence that (2) Mr. Obama has been since 1980 a full time covert CIA operative, deployed to infiltrate, perform surveillance on and report back on community activist, Leftist, African nationalist, and Islamic circles. The CIA apparatus has been suppressing evidence that (3) Mr. Obama was pre-identified in 1971 via quantum access time travel as a future U.S. President and essentially briefed and groomed for the job by CIA since 1980. CLIP

Killer microchip! Big Brother will roll it out... (26 June 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoG9LCleWvY>

A Saudi inventor applied for a patent in Germany of his chip that can be tracked by GPS and release a poison to kill the host.

Four Horsemen - Trailer

<http://www.fourhorsemenfilm.com/>

A new film on the corporate takeover of the world

"Four Horsemen" Directed by Ross Ashcroft-Cine Politics-03-11-2012

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhRvx4X3l3Y>

In this edition of the show Russell reviews the film; Four Horsemen, directed by Ross Ashcroft.

Renegade Economist with Ann Pettifor

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=La4JEwyr094>

17 Reasons To Be EXTREMELY Concerned About The Second Half Of

2012

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/17-reasons-to-be-extremely-concerned-about-the-second-half-of-2012>

What is the second half of 2012 going to bring? Are things going to get even worse than they are right now? Unfortunately, that appears more likely with each passing day. I will admit that I am extremely concerned about the second half of 2012. Historically, a financial crisis is much more likely to begin in the fall than during any other season of the year. Just think about it. The stock market crash of 1929 happened in the fall. "Black Monday" happened on October 19th, 1987. The financial crisis of 2008 started in the fall. There just seems to be something about the fall that brings out the worst in the financial markets. But of course there is not a stock market crash every year. So are there specific reasons why we should be extremely concerned about what is coming this year? Yes, there are. The ingredients for a "perfect storm" are slowly coming together, and in the months ahead we could very well see the next wave of the economic collapse strike. Sadly, we have never even come close to recovering from the last recession, and this next crisis might end up being even more painful than the last one. The following are 17 reasons to be extremely concerned about the second half of 2012....

(...) Personally, I am deeply concerned about the September, October, November time frame. The other day, Joe Biden delivered a speech in which he made the following statement... "It's A Depression For Millions And Millions Of Americans" And what Biden said was right for once. Millions of Americans are out of work right now and millions of Americans have fallen out of the middle class in recent years. If you have lost everything, it does feel like you are living through a depression. When people lose everything, they tend to get desperate. And desperate people do desperate things - especially when they are angry. A whole host of recent opinion polls have shown that anger and frustration in the United States are rising to unprecedented levels. The ingredients are certainly there for an explosion. Someone just needs to come along and light the fuse. We truly do live in frightening times. Let us hope for the best, but let us also prepare for the worst. CLIP

From: Doreen Agostino (doreen@freetobewealthy.net)

Subject: MILESTONE TREATY - SPACE AGE WORLD PEACE 2012

Clarion Call
Date: 7 Aug 2012

Hi Jean.

I am emailing conscious messengers of world change at this critical juncture, and thank you for your world service!

I perceive the combined efforts of consciously aware humans opened new doors 2012, which prompts me to ask for help to inform humans about the OUTER SPACE SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT TREATY 2012; co-authored by awake beings united in a spirit of cooperation to prevent weaponization of space, and total domination of life on Earth.

The Treaty benefits ALL humans in areas of health, education based on higher frequency understanding and unified consciousness, economy, mutual security, energy, environment, and other life; a Milestone Treaty that is going to pivot us into the Space Age of World Peace. More details about Treaty co-authors at <<http://peaceinspace.com/about-us>><http://peaceinspace.com/about-us>

DR CAROL SUE ROSIN Founder, Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space. World Peace Ambassador, International Association of Educators for World Peace, former Missile Defense Consultant.

CECIL B. (SCOTT) JONES US Navy Commander. Dr. Jones is founder and president of the Peace and Emergency Action Coalition for Earth. The principal function of P.E.A.C.E. is to oversee the development of the global Center for Sustainable Peace and Development system.

EDGAR D. MITCHELL, SC.D., US Navy Captain; Technical Director, Navy Space Systems - Served with NASA and the Astronaut Corps – backed up crew for Apollo 10 and Apollo 16 - Lunar Module Pilot Apollo 14 lunar mission 1971; sixth man to walk on the moon; Founder, Institute of Noetic Sciences.

WILL MILLER CMDR US Navy Commander; decorated Vietnam combat veteran, educator, advisor, futurist, and former briefer to U.S. Commanders-in-Chief, and senior Department of Defense & White House Staff.

ABE KRIGER The Boeing Company as Business Development Executive 25 yrs, structural engineer 12 yrs. Director, New Initiatives for Boeing Missiles and Space Division; Director of Boeing Engineering & Construction Alternative Energy Programs.

PAUL HELLYER former Minister of Defense Canada; Honourable Paul T. Hellyer oversaw integration and unification of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, and the Royal Canadian Air Force into a single organization, the Canadian Forces. Paul Hellyer is an aeronautical engineer, politician, writer and commentator with a long, distinguished and varied career.

The Treaty reads like a story because it is 'our' story, a moment for each of us to re-form negative into divine prophecy; and in solidarity add to the Light of the world. This is the first Treaty ever to recognize the Oneness of Nation States, Indigenous Nations, and Cosmic Cultures. <<http://peace-treaty.com>><http://peace-treaty.com> and <<http://peaceinspace.com>><http://peaceinspace.com>

Will you share this message with your community? Funding is requested to pay for Treaty co-authors to hand-deliver the Treaty to the 9 required UN Member Nation leaders [presidents, prime ministers, kings, queens ... whoever is in charge] to obtain signatures and ratify the Treaty into law.

I sense the Treaty is asking every person to 'choose' life beyond fear, illusions of separation, powerlessness, scarcity and other negativity; a new conscious world where peace, unity, harmony, equality, justice, love, prosperity, creativity, and joy flourish.

My Blog post has further details; feel free to share if you will and thank you. <<http://wp.me/pWDrY-1kx>><http://wp.me/pWDrY-1kx>

Date: 11 Jul 2012

From: "Ricken Patel - Avaaz.org" <avaaz@avaaz.org>

Subject: Bankers behind bars

Dear friends,

Big banks have been caught in a massive scam to rig global interest rates, ripping off millions of people on their mortgages, student loans and more! We'd go to jail for this, but Barclays bank has only been fined, and just a fraction of their profits! Outrage is mounting -- this is our chance to finally turn the tide of the banks' reign over our democracies.

The EU finance regulator, Michel Barnier is standing up to the powerful bank lobby and championing reform that would put bankers behind bars for fraud like this. If the EU goes first, accountability could quickly spread across the globe. But the banks are lobbying hard against it, and we need a massive surge of people power to drive these reforms through.

If we can get 1 million people to stand with Barnier in the next 3 days, it will give him momentum to face down the banking lobby and push governments to bring reform. Click below to sign, and our growing numbers will be represented by adding mock bankers to a jail right in front of the EU Parliament:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/bankers_behind_bars_f/

The full scale of the scandal is still unknown, but what we know is breathtaking: "Several" unnamed major banks were involved, and the rigging of the LIBOR interest rate, the rate on which many of the world's interest rates are based, affected the value of literally hundreds of trillions of dollars in investments. Barclays alone has admitted to committing this fraud "hundreds" of times.

For too long, our governments have been cowed by powerful banks who threatened to move elsewhere if challenged. For too long, banks have manipulated our market economies, tilting the playing field in their favour, and engaging in reckless risk-taking, secure in the knowledge that they could force governments to hand them our taxpayer money when they got into trouble.

The system is rigged, and that's a crime. It's time to put the criminals behind bars for it. It starts in Europe -- let's make it happen:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/bankers_behind_bars_f/

There may never have been a time in modern history when the big banks didn't have excessive and extraordinary power that they regularly abused. But democracy is on the march -- we've seen this march overcome tyrants across the world, and together, we'll help end the reign of the banks as well.

With hope,

Ricken, Iain, Alex, Antonia, Giulia, Luis, and the entire Avaaz team

P.S. -- Last week 94,000 people joined Avaaz member David R.'s campaign against foul-play in the Mexican elections which he launched on the new Avaaz Community Petitions platform. Get support for the things you care strongly about by starting your campaign here:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/start_a_petition

More information:

FSA's Turner Says Banks Culture One of 'Cynical Entitlement'
(Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-07-03/fsa-s-turner-says-banks-have-culture-of-cynical-entitlement-1.html>

Barclays Libor scandal: how can we change banking culture? (The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2012/jul/02/barclays-libor-scandal-change-banking-culture>

Barclays just the tip of the iceberg as banking braced for more scandals (The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2012/jul/08/banking-scandals-barclays?intcmp=239>

The rotten heart of finance: A scandal over key interest rates is about to go global (Economist)

<http://www.economist.com/node/21558281>

Banking Reforms after the Libor scandal (Financial Times)

<http://blogs.ft.com/martin-wolf-exchange/2012/07/02/banking-reforms-after-the-libor-scandal/#axzz1zY8LnZHS>

EU's Barnier pushes for criminal sanctions for Libor abuse (Reuters)
<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/09/idINL6E8I91PR20120709>

Barnier Seeks to Widen EU Rules to Bar Libor Manipulation (Business Week)
<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-07-08/barnier-seeks-to-widen-eu-market-abuse-rules-to-include-libor>

How about this? POLICE CHANGE SIDES! (May 23, 2012)

<http://www.democraticunderground.com/1002721617>

From Occupy Frankfurt. The German police took off their helmets and marched with the protesters - clearing the way for them. German police officers escort an anti-capitalism protest march with some 20,000 people in Frankfurt, Germany, Saturday, May 19, 2012. Protesters peacefully filled the city center of continental Europe's biggest financial hub in their protest against the dominance of banks and what they perceive to be untamed capitalism, Frankfurt police spokesman Ruediger Regis said. The protest group calling itself Blockupy has called for blocking the access to the European Central Bank, which is located in Frankfurt's business district.

Navy to deafen 11,200 whales and dolphins and kill 1,600 more

<http://signon.org/sign/navy-under-water-sound>

The Navy is required to include comments on their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) re: the use of high frequency underwater sound for testing in Hawaii and off the coast of California. According to their estimates it will deafen 11,200 whales and dolphins and kill 1,600 more over the next 7 years. Whales and dolphins depend on sound to navigate and live. Your signature and comment will have to be included in the EIS and could stop this Naval program, potentially saving the lives of these ocean creatures. The comments must be in by July 10, 2012. That's why I signed a petition to U.S. Navy EIS Comments, which says: "Stop the killing of 1,600 whales and dolphins and the deafening of 11,200 more by ceasing the operation of the Navy's underwater sound system in the Hawaiian Islands and California coastline." Will you sign this petition? THERE IS ANOTHER SIMILAR PETITION BY BIOGEMS TO SIGN: PROTECT WHALES FROM THE NAVY'S SONIC ONSLAUGHT!

<https://secure.nrdonline.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserA>

ction&id=2819

STOP BIG OIL'S ATTACK ON WHALES!! THE EXPLOSIVE NOISE FROM AIRGUNS USED IN OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION THREATENS WHALES WITH HEARING LOSS, INJURY AND DEATH.

<http://www.savebiogems.org/airgun/>

Around the world, energy companies are exploring for oil and gas using seismic airguns in sensitive, wildlife-filled waters. Two of their targets are Alaska's Cook Inlet — home to endangered belugas — and most of the Atlantic seaboard. - "Even at great distances, this excruciatingly loud noise can drive whales to abandon their habitat, fall silent and stop eating. At close range, it can deafen, injure and even kill.-Pierce Brosnan, Actor and NRDC Member -- WHAT'S AT STAKE... A leading expert has called the use of airguns "the most severe acoustic insult to the marine environment short of naval warfare." This sonic barrage can interfere with a whale's ability to feed, breed, navigate, communicate and avoid predators — in short, to survive.The Obama Administration has given the Apache Alaska Corporation the go-ahead to employ airguns in the critical habitat of the last 284 endangered beluga whales of Alaska's Cook Inlet. And the administration is moving toward approval of airgun use up and down the Atlantic coast, home to dozens of marine mammal populations, including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale. ACT NOW!! Help save belugas from deafening airguns...

<https://secure.nrdconline.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=2823>

ACTION ALERT GABON

http://www.wrm.org.uy/plantations/21_set/2012/Action_Gabon.html

As many countries in Africa, Gabon is facing an alarming rate of expansion of oil palm and rubber plantations. The government has given the Singapore based company Olam 300,000 hectares of land to establish monoculture tree plantations. Local communities have not been consulted about the process and have urged the government to respect their land rights. Communities sent a letter to the government in which they raised their concerns. Communities' demands need international support!

ACTION ALERTS - The Philippines

http://www.wrm.org.uy/plantations/21_set/2012/Action_Philippines.ht

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The indigenous peoples (Higaonons) and peasants of Opol in Misamis Oriental in Southern Philippines are currently struggling against land grabbing resulting from a monoculture oil palm plantation, promoted by the A Brown Company, Inc (ABCI). Since the beginning of the plantation's operations, Higaonons and other villagers have experienced severe human rights violations such as forced eviction, illegal arrest, strafing and harassment. They are in need of international support. The affected villages call for the Philippine government to stop land grabbing and respect human rights.

ACTION ALERTS - BRAZIL

http://www.wrm.org.uy/plantations/21_set/2012/Action_Brazil.html
Civil society organizations are denouncing the FSC certification of Fibria Celulose SA monoculture tree plantations by IMAFLORA, a Brazilian certification body. The organization's demands are aimed at supporting the social and environmental battle carried out by the populations suffering the effects of cellulose plant projects, in this particular case, those by the firm Fibria (formerly Aracruz Celulose).

U.S. Army course authorizes use of deadly force, internment camps during U.S. civil disturbance (July 7, 2012)

<http://www.activistpost.com/2012/07/us-army-course-authorizes-use-of-deadly.html>

In a damning new 115 page self-learning course from the U.S. Army Military Police School at Fort McClellan originally issued in April 2006, we learn that the military has a detailed and brutal plan in store in times of mass civil unrest in the United States. (...) If the military does set up detention facilities: These facilities will be operated only until custody of the persons detained can be transferred to and assumed by civil authorities. They will not be used for the confinement of persons charged or convicted under civil jurisdiction. However, this was written long before the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012 and the indefinite detention sections included which allow the military to hold Americans without charge or trial indefinitely. These above guidelines have almost certainly been removed having been given this power when Obama signed the NDAA. While a judge indeed stepped up against the indefinite detention sections of the NDAA, I seriously doubt that this

decision would be honored in a time when the military is actually rolled out to quell civil unrest. CLIP

Two Dark Money Groups Outspending All Super PACs Combined
<http://www.propublica.org/article/two-dark-money-groups-outspending-all-super-pacs-combined>

(...) Super PACs, which do have to report their donors, spent an estimated \$55.7 million on TV ads mentioning a presidential candidate, CMAG data shows. Parties spent \$22.5 million. Crossroads GPS, or Crossroads Grassroots Policy Strategies, is the brainchild of GOP strategist Karl Rove, and spent an estimated \$41.7 million. Americans for Prosperity, credited with helping launch the Tea Party movement, is backed in part by billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch, and spent an estimated \$18.2 million. Campaign-finance reform advocates say the spending by the two organizations highlights the role anonymous money is playing in this election, which will be the most expensive in history. "First of all, it shows how much desire there is for secrecy among huge donors who want to be able to spend money to influence this election without leaving any fingerprints," said Fred Wertheimer, who runs Democracy 21, a watchdog group. "Secondly, it shows that so far, there is an enormous advantage being played in this election by just two groups that are exercising undue influence in the elections." CLIP

Securing Syria chemical weapons may take tens of thousands of troops
(Aug 17, 2012)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/08/16/syria-crisis-chemicalweapons-idINL2E8JG74320120816>

WASHINGTON, Aug 16 (Reuters) - The United States and its allies are discussing a worst-case scenario that could require tens of thousands of ground troops to go into Syria to secure chemical and biological weapons sites following the fall of President Bashar al-Assad's government, according to U.S. and diplomatic officials. These secret discussions assume that all of Assad's security forces disintegrate, leaving chemical and biological weapons sites in Syria vulnerable to pillaging. The scenario also assumes these sites could not be secured or destroyed solely through aerial bombings, given health and environmental risks. A U.S. official,

speaking on condition of anonymity to explain the sensitive discussions, said the United States still had no plans to put boots on the ground in Syria. President Barack Obama's administration has, in fact, so far refused to provide lethal support to the rebels fighting to oust Assad's regime and the Pentagon has played down the possibility of implementing a no-fly zone anytime soon. "There is not a imminent plan to deploy ground forces. This is, in fact, a worst-case scenario," the official said, adding U.S. forces would likely play a role in such a mission. Two diplomatic sources, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said as many as 50,000 or 60,000 ground forces may be needed if officials' worst fears are realized, plus additional support forces. Even a force of 60,000 troops, however, would not be large enough for peacekeeping and would only be the amount required to secure the weapons sites - despite some of the appearances of a Iraq-style occupation force, the diplomatic sources cautioned. It is unclear at this stage how such a military mission would be organized and which nations might participate. But some European allies have indicated they are unlikely to join, the sources said.

(...) While there is no complete accounting of Syria's unconventional weapons, it is widely believed to have stockpiles of nerve agents such as VX, sarin and tabun. The U.S. official said there were potentially dozens of chemical and biological weapons sites scattered around the country. Securing them could not be left to an aerial bombing, which could lead to the dispersion of those agents, the official said. "There could be second-order effects that could be extremely problematic," the official said of aerial bombing. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said last month that it was important that Syrian security forces be held together when Assad is forced from power, citing, in particular, their ability to secure chemical weapons sites. "They do a pretty good job of securing those sites," Panetta said in an interview with CNN in July. "If they suddenly walked away from that, it would be a disaster to have those chemical weapons fall into the wrong hands, hands of Hezbollah or other extremists in that area." The United States, Israel and Western powers have been discussing the nightmarish possibility that some of Assad's chemical weapons could make their way to militant groups - al-Qaeda style Sunni Jihadi insurgents or pro-Iranian Shi'ite Lebanese fighters from Hezbollah. Some Western intelligence sources suggested that Hezbollah and Iran's Revolutionary Guards, both close allies of Syria, might try to get hold of the chemical weapons in the case of a total collapse of government authority. CLIP

Syria: Torture Centers Revealed (JULY 3, 2012)

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2012/07/03/syria-torture-centers-revealed> (New York) - Former detainees and defectors have identified the locations, agencies responsible, torture methods used, and, in many cases, the commanders in charge of 27 detention facilities run by Syrian intelligence agencies, Human Rights Watch said in a multimedia report released today. The systematic patterns of ill-treatment and torture that Human Rights Watch documented clearly point to a state policy of torture and ill-treatment and therefore constitute a crime against humanity. The 81-page report, "Torture Archipelago: Arbitrary Arrests, Torture and Enforced Disappearances in Syria's Underground Prisons since March 2011" is based on more than 200 interviews conducted by Human Rights Watch since the beginning of anti-government demonstrations in Syria in March 2011. The report includes maps locating the detention facilities, video accounts from former detainees, and sketches of torture techniques described by numerous people who witnessed or experienced torture in these facilities. "The intelligence agencies are running an archipelago of torture centers scattered across the country," said Ole Solvang, emergencies researcher at Human Rights Watch. "By publishing their locations, describing the torture methods, and identifying those in charge we are putting those responsible on notice that they will have to answer for these horrific crimes."

(...) Almost all the former detainees interviewed by Human Rights Watch said they had been subjected to torture or witnessed the torture of others during their detention. Interrogators, guards, and officers used a broad range of torture methods, including prolonged beatings, often with objects such as batons and cables, holding the detainees in painful stress positions for prolonged periods of time, the use of electricity, burning with acid, sexual assault and humiliation, the pulling of fingernails, and mock execution. Altogether Human Rights Watch documented more than 20 distinct torture methods used by the security and intelligence services. In most cases former detainees were subjected to a range of these torture methods. A 31-year-old detainee who was detained in Idlib governorate in June described to Human Rights Watch how the intelligence agencies tortured him in the Idlib Central Prison: They forced me to undress. Then they started squeezing my fingers with pliers. They put staples in my fingers, chest and ears. I was only allowed to take them out if I spoke. The staples in the ears were the most painful. They used two wires hooked up to a car battery to give me electric shocks. They used electric

stun-guns on my genitals twice. I thought I would never see my family again. They tortured me like this three times over three days.

(...) The individuals who carried out or ordered crimes against humanity bear individual criminal responsibility under international law, as do those in a position of command whose subordinates committed crimes that they were aware of or should have been aware of and failed to prevent or punish. This command responsibility would apply not only to the officials overseeing detention facilities, but also to the heads of intelligence agencies, members of government, and the head of state, President Bashar al-Assad.

(...) "The reach and inhumanity of this network of torture centers are truly horrific," Solvang said. "Russia should not be holding its protective hand over the people who are responsible for this." CLIP Find the whole report through <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2012/07/03/torture-archipelago-0>

More on other human rights abuses around the world through <http://www.hrw.org/>

SYRIA: Atrocities committed against Christians by US-NATO supported "Opposition" Rebels (June 12, 2012)

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31384>

This report by Agenzia Fides confirms a process of ethnic cleansing directed against the Christian community in Syria. Christians who refuse to leave are killed by "opposition" rebels

Qusayr (Agenzia Fides) - The Christian Maurice Bitar was killed in Qusayr, near the town of Homs where the Christian population - about a thousand people out of 10 thousand who lived there before the beginning of the violence - has been forced to flee after the 'ultimatum launched by an armed faction in the opposition forces led by General Abdel Salam Harba (see Fides 09/06/2012). As anticipated by Fides, some Christians, after the warning, however, chose to remain in Qusayr, exposing themselves to considerable risks. Maurice Bitar was killed by a sniper, with three other men while he was out of the house to buy bread for his family. The Christian inhabitants of Qusayr, local sources of Fides report, suffer harassment such as no vehicular access on streets and the obligation to "give way" if they meet a Muslim, "as in the days of the Ottoman caliphate," notes the source of Fides. The armed opposition, in fact, as confirmed by numerous observers in Syria and abroad, is gradually

radicalizing towards Sunni extremist ideology. There are numerous gangs and military groups that operate in a totally independent manner, outside the coordination of the Syrian Liberation Army. The ultimatum launched by the faction of Abdel Salam Harba, for example, was not ratified by other groups: in a statement sent to Fides, the coordination of the same Syrian Liberation Army, stationed at Qusayr, says it is "shocked by the news" and rejects the ultimatum, saying that it is not responsible and does not share it in any way. Two Catholic priests who fled in recent days from Qusayr, reached by Fides, confirm, however, that they heard "with their ears" of the ultimatum, repeated from the minarets of mosques, and left the city with many refugee families. According to Fides sources, "the situation is unsustainable in the area and exposed to total lawlessness." Christians face a harsh reality: they either join the opposition, enlisting their young ones, or are victims of harassment, discrimination, violence. The fate of Christians in Qusayr, concludes the source, could soon touch the 10 thousand faithful who live in other villages in the area, such as Dmeineh, Rableh and Hamra. (PA)

The Houla Massacre: The Disinformation Campaign (June 13, 2012)

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31399>

In the wake of the Houla massacre and the flow of disinformation aimed at blaming the Syrian government for the atrocities, Global Research brings to the attention of its readers a selection of key articles, which demonstrate unequivocally that the massacre was committed by the US-NATO supported Free Syrian Army (FSA). CLIP

RUSSIA CHALLENGES US-NATO: Russia prepares army for Syrian deployment (June 12, 2012)

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31381>

Given the worsening crisis in Syria, the Nezavisimaya Gazeta newspaper reported that the Russian army is apparently being prepared for a mission in Syria. Citing anonymous sources in the military leadership, the newspaper said that Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the general staff to work out a plan for military operations outside Russia, including in Syria. The units being prepared for an intervention are the 76th Division of airborne forces (an especially experienced unit of the Russian army), the 15th Army Division, as well as special forces from a brigade of the Black Sea fleet, which has a base in the Syrian port of Tartus. The details of the operational plan are being prepared by the working parties of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation, to which most of the post-Soviet

states belong, as well as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, to which China and Russia belong. According to the newspaper report, deployment depends on the decision of the Russian government and the UN.

However, the plans also foresee that the troops might intervene without UN approval. The Russian government has so far not confirmed the report. On Monday last week, three Russian warships were sighted off the Syrian coast. An anonymous source from the Russian government told the Iranian newspaper Tehran Times that Moscow wants to show NATO that it will not allow any military operation against Damascus under the guise of a humanitarian mission.

CLIP - CHECK ALSO IN THE MAIN ARTICLES SECTION BELOW "Humanitarian War Criminals" in High Office: Was the Houla Massacre Ordered by the Western Military Alliance?

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31359> - A MUST READ!

WARNING: Possible NATO-FSA False Flag Attack in Syria (June 10, 2012)

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31338>

Unconfirmed reports warn of possible plot to deploy chemical weapons, then blame Syrian government. RT has warned of a possible plot being fomented by Syrian rebels inside NATO member Turkey. The plot involves Syrian rebels deploying chemical weapons obtained in Libya against Syrian civilians, then blaming the Syrian government for the mass casualty event. This of course would provide the West the "casus belli" it has been searching for to circumvent the UN Security Council and implement its long-planned campaign of regime change. The Means -- Libya's arsenal had fallen into the hands of sectarian extremists with NATO assistance last year in the culmination of efforts to overthrow the government there. Since then, Libya's militants led by commanders of Al Qaeda's Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) have armed sectarian extremists across the Arab World, from as far West as Mali, to as far East as Syria. Libyan LIFG commander Abdul Hakim Belhaj, according to the London Telegraph, had in fact traveled to the Turkish-Syrian border to consort with the so-called "Free Syrian Army" (FSA), pledging weapons, cash, and even fighters. Since then, at least one ship flush with Libyan weaponry bound for Syrian militants has been interdicted by Lebanon, while the Western press, including the Sydney Morning Herald, has reported on a massive influx of foreign fighters and arms. In addition to Libyan weapons, the Washington Post has also confirmed the US and Gulf States have been arranging the delivery of weapons to Syrian militants.

Additionally, as a result of NATO's intervention in Libya, the scattered military's extensive arsenal of anti-aircraft missiles has also fallen into the hands of Libyan militants, to then be proliferated throughout LIFG's network of affiliates - all of which are sectarian extremists, many with direct ties to Al Qaeda. The Washington Post in their article, "Libyan missiles on the loose," reported: CLIP

UN warns Syria is on brink of war (June 8, 2012)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UUJGdqSgpUI

The United Nations says there has been an escalation of violence in Syria and the country is on the path to a civil war.

US and Israel to hold largest ever joint military exercise (June 25, 2012)

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/us-and-israel-plan-largest-ever-military-exercise/>

Israel and the US are set to hold their largest ever joint military exercise in October, featuring thousands of soldiers and advanced anti-missile defense systems, and simulating simultaneous fire from Iran and Syria. News of the drill comes amid ongoing violence in Syria, and with Israel and the US closely discussing the means to thwart Iran's nuclear drive. The commander of the 3rd Air Force, Lt.-Gen. Craig A. Franklin, on a recent visit to Israel, established a planning committee with representatives of the IDF to coordinate the details of the exercise, the Maariv Hebrew daily reported Monday. Some 3,000 US soldiers are to participate, alongside thousands of Israeli troops. The drill will simulate missiles being fired at Israel from Iran and Syria simultaneously, with potentially tens, if not hundreds, of rockets mid-air at the same time. Israel will test its upgraded Arrow 2 defense system, while the US will deploy the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System and PAC-3 Patriot air defense platforms. According to Maariv, some military analysts have nicknamed the exercise a "dress rehearsal" for a potential military conflict, noting that it will send a clear message to Iran at a time during which the impact of international sanctions, or lack thereof, will be clearer. News of the drill comes shortly after talks between world powers and Iran regarding Tehran's nuclear program broke up without progress in Moscow.

"Netanyahu has decided to attack Iran before the U.S. Elections in November." (June 24, 2012)

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=CA>

R20120624&articleId=31574

Senior Israeli officials now confirm that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has, "decided to attack Iran before the U.S. elections in November." Netanyahu's agenda is much broader than knocking out Iranian nuclear installations for his aim is to reshape the political landscape in the USA and Israel shifting everything to the far, far right in order to create a new comfort zone for religious fundamentalists. Netanyahu's major backer, Sheldon Adelson, is now firmly behind Mitt Romney, and they are known to believe that an Israeli attack on Iran in September or October will displace Obama and many dovish Democrats in Congress and establish a hawkish regime in Washington. Israel has agreed to restrain any attack on Iran until after the current round of five talks between Iran and the P5+1 that will come to an end in either late July or August: "U.S., Israel continue preparations for strike on Iran nuclear facilities. The website cites U.S. defense contracts and Israel's new military preparations, suggesting that 'all sides are getting ready for whatever may come. 'Israel and the U.S. are pushing forward with preparations to jointly strike Iran's nuclear facilities, the U.S. blog Business Insider reported on Saturday. "U.S. defense contracts, an Iranian F-16 acquisition, and Israel's new military preparations suggest that all sides are getting ready for whatever may come," the report says. According to the blog, the U.S. navy has recently signed a \$338 million contract with defense contractor Raytheon to "provide the Navy with 361 Tomahawk cruise missiles in their most recent configuration. According to the website, the U.S. is either renewing its stock of missiles or planning ahead." "On May 9," the report added, "the U.S. House of Representatives passed the United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012, which seeks to "reaffirm the commitment to Israel's security as a Jewish state; provide Israel with the military capabilities to defend itself by itself against any threats... [and] expand military and civilian cooperation." A senior Israeli official recently told Reuters that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has decided to attack Iran before the U.S. elections in November." (Haretz, June 23, 2012, emphasis added) Military experts have long agreed that the "sweet spot" for an Israeli attack on Iran will be this coming September or October precisely because of the timing of the US presidential election cycle. For maximum political impact and minimal diplomatic responsiveness, the time of the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC - September 3-6 comes within this window of opportunity as well as the days immediately prior to the US election - say from Halloween till the 6th of November. It may be instructive to recall that Israel's Operation Cast Lead was timed to

coincide with the transition between Obama and Bush and ended abruptly immediately before the Inauguration in January 2009. Presidential election cycles have played major roles in the design of military timetables. For only one example, recall the Tet Offensive in early 1968 that drove LBJ out of the race for the White House.

WW3 Russia, China, Iran Send 90000 Troops to Syria - 12 Warships
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNialNqmFh0>

Will Russian And Chinese Military Forces On Syrian Soil Prevent Obama From Bombing Syria? (June 19, 2012)

<http://endoftheamericandream.com/archives/will-russian-and-chinese-military-forces-on-syrian-soil-prevent-obama-from-bombing-syria>

Everyone knows that the Obama administration has been steadily gearing up for a military campaign against Syria. Everyone also knows that Russia and China do not want to see this happen. Now Russia and China are sending military forces to Syria. It is being reported that Russia, China, Iran and Syria will be conducting the "Middle East's largest ever military exercise" next month. Apparently tens of thousands of troops will be involved. This will be the first time that the Russians and the Chinese have jointly deployed large numbers of troops in Syria. Will this show of military power be enough to prevent Barack Obama from bombing Syria? Or will Obama go ahead anyway and risk ruining relations with the Russians and the Chinese? Tensions are rising in the Middle East and the region is a powder keg that could erupt at any time. If someone makes the wrong move we could end up with World War III. A number of sources have reported that the Obama administration has been contemplating a military campaign in Syria similar to what happened in Libya. The U.S. would institute a no-fly zone, bomb the Syrian government and the Syrian military, and provide heavy military hardware for the rebel forces on the ground.

(...) What the Obama administration fails to grasp is that Syria is not Libya. Syria has a lot more friends, and any attack on Syria would almost certainly cause a wider Middle East war to erupt. For Russia and China, Syria is a red line that must not be crossed. Now Russia and China are sending substantial military forces to Syria for "war games". Obviously this is just an excuse to get troops into Syria. The following description of these upcoming "war games" is from a recent article in the Jerusalem Post....According to ShamLife, China had gained Egyptian approval to

allow 12 Chinese ships carrying military equipment to pass through the Suez Canal, and that these vessels would reach the Syrian ports of Tartous and Latakia in two weeks' time. ShamLife said Syrian air defense missiles and its coastal defense would be put to the test in the military exercises, and that 90,000 troops from the four countries would be involved in the war games along with 400 aircraft and 1,000 tanks and "hundreds of rockets." The exercises would be carried out after Syrian troops had "cleansed" several cities where "armed groups" - meaning Syrian opposition forces fighting against government troops loyal to President Bashar Assad - were gathering.

(...) Obviously the Russians and the Chinese are trying to stop an attack on Syria. Things are getting very tense, and that is not going to change any time soon. Just check out how a recent CBS News report described a private meeting between Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin at the G-20 summit in Mexico.... "The two men barely looked at each other. You could just feel, sort of, the tension between them. And the body language really represented how far apart the two leaders remain on the issue of Syria." Needless to say, it was not a pleasant conversation. In fact, Putin reportedly was very direct with Obama.... "Apparently President Obama got a bit of a lecture from Putin about some other failed transitions that are going on around the world." When Barack Obama was elected, many Americans expected him to keep his campaign promises and greatly reduce U.S. military action around the globe. Instead, Obama has actually greatly expanded U.S. military action around the globe. It isn't reported on much in the mainstream media, but the U.S. military is actually at war in Yemen, in Somalia, in Pakistan, and in a whole bunch of other countries all over the planet. CLIP

Strait Answer: Iran prepares to close Hormuz (July 3, 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLt6VejuDIA>

Tehran has drafted a bill that would close the crucial global shipping route - the Strait of Hormuz. The measures are aimed at shutting the water-way to countries which support a new embargo on Iranian oil.

A Full Rundown Of China's Military Might (June 29, 2012)

<http://www.businessinsider.com/the-comprehensive-guide-to-chinas-military-tech-2012-6>

(...) The PLA is the world's largest military, with more than 2.25 million active personnel. Currently, Chinese forces are only deployed fighting

piracy, so - while not battle-hardened - this army is fresh, well equipped, and in excellent health. CLIP

A Full Rundown Of Iran's Military Might (June 21, 2012)

<http://www.businessinsider.com/irans-military-weapons-2012-6#>

Iran's military has 545,000 active personnel and some of the most advanced military technology of anyone out there. The thing is, the United States gave them a lot of it.

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NUGGETS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Naquatica: Bosnia Pyramid Carbon Dated 25 Thousand Years Old

<http://youtu.be/5pf5-0FhGY4>

A recent carbon dating performed on a pyramid in Bosnia, proves it to be at least 25 thousand years old.

Ancient Knowledge - Full Movie

http://youtu.be/xAWf3F8_zQk

To watch additional complements to this movie go at

<http://www.youtube.com/user/KilluminatiTheMovie>

National Parks Street View-style trails goes live, avoids the Google cars (video) <http://www.engadget.com/2012/03/08/national-parks-street-view-style-trails-goes-live-avoids-the-go>

Then explore <http://naturevalleytrailview.com/> and check

<http://naturevalleytrailview.com/grand-canyon#panorama-southrimPOI2>

Google also offers something similar but with much better picture quality and flow, such as <http://ow.ly/e5iF1> or <http://ow.ly/e5jiE> (best viewed with the Google Chrome browser updated to Maps GL).

A Cauldron of Stars at the Galaxy's Center

<http://www.spitzer.caltech.edu/images/1540-ssc2006-02a-A-Cauldron-of-Stars-at-the-Galaxy-s-Center>

This dazzling infrared image from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope shows hundreds of thousands of stars crowded into the swirling core of our spiral Milky Way galaxy. In visible-light pictures, this region cannot be seen at all because dust lying between Earth and the galactic center blocks our view. In this false-color picture, old and cool stars are blue, while dust

features lit up by blazing hot, massive stars are shown in a reddish hue. Both bright and dark filamentary clouds can be seen, many of which harbor stellar nurseries. The plane of the Milky Way's flat disk is apparent as the main, horizontal band of clouds. The brightest white spot in the middle is the very center of the galaxy, which also marks the site of a supermassive black hole. The region pictured here is immense, with a horizontal span of 890 light-years and a vertical span of 640 light-years. Earth is located 26,000 light-years away, out in one of the Milky Way's spiral arms. Though most of the objects seen in this image are located at the galactic center, the features above and below the galactic plane tend to lie closer to Earth. Scientists are intrigued by the giant lobes of dust extending away from the plane of the galaxy. They believe the lobes may have been formed by winds from massive stars. This image is a mosaic of thousands of short exposures taken by Spitzer's Infrared Array Camera (IRAC), showing emissions from wavelengths of 3.6 microns (blue), 4.5 microns (green), 5.8 microns (orange), and 8.0 microns (red). The entire region was imaged in less than 16 hours.

Birth 2012 - Let's Co-Create a Global Birth Day

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mr0hzDeJAa0>

I Am Free

<http://youtu.be/vuaqcRRg1jI>

Other such videos at <http://www.youtube.com/user/igetrealTV>

Kickstarter is a funding platform for creative projects

<http://www.kickstarter.com/>

At this very second, thousands of people are checking out projects on Kickstarter. They're rallying around their friends' ideas, backing projects from people they've long admired, and discovering things that make them laugh and smile. Every project is independently crafted, put to all-or-nothing funding, and supported by friends, fans, and the public in return for rewards. The filmmakers, musicians, artists, and designers you see on Kickstarter have complete control and responsibility over their own projects. They spend weeks building their own project pages, shooting their own videos, and brainstorming what to offer as rewards. Rewards are things like a copy of what's being made, a limited edition, or a custom experience related to the project. This isn't Best Buy — rewards aren't shrink-wrapped and ready to ship. Once the project is funded, the journey to bring them to life begins. Every project creator sets their

project's funding goal and deadline. If the project succeeds in reaching its funding goal all backers' credit cards are charged when time expires. If the project falls short no one is charged. Since our launch in April 2009, more than 24,000 creative projects have been successfully funded by awesome people from around the world. But Kickstarter is about much more than money... People come to Kickstarter to build community around their projects. It's inspiring to be supported by people you know, and amazing to connect with strangers who are discovering your ideas for the first time. The feedback, press, and love that can come with a Kickstarter project are just as valuable as the money raised. Ask anyone who's done it before. There's nothing like it. Since launching in April 2009: \$250 million pledged to projects... 2 million people have backed a project... 24,000 projects successfully funded.

Discover the Wild!

<http://playinthewild.org/index.php?lang=en>

Play in the Wild! adventures invite you to expand awareness of life through meeting the challenges within yourself and with the earth. Watch the short video at the bottom of this website homepage to get a glimpse of what this unique learning adventure for the young (13 to 19) has to offer.

What Is the Integral Movement?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bqrwTjUxWU>

Something amazing is happening right now. All around the world, a new culture is beginning to emerge. It's a culture of people like you—people who are bringing more beauty into the world, more love to our human family, and more wholeness to lives. People who understand that we are all still evolving, and that growth and self-discovery is a life-long journey. It's a culture of people who are creating an entirely new vision of who we are and where we are going—a positive, inspiring, radically hopeful vision of the future. Integral Life is ground zero for this emerging culture.

The Banker (video) - The Robin Hood Tax

<http://robinhoodtax.org.uk/>

This tax on the financial sector has the power to raise hundreds of billions every year globally. It could give a vital boost to the NHS, our schools, and the fight against child poverty in the UK – as well as tackling poverty and climate change around the world. Not complicated. Just brilliant.

A BIG DAY FOR THE ROBIN HOOD TAX (August 1, 2012)

<http://robinhoodtax.org.uk/latest/big-day-robin-hood-tax>

Today is Day One of France's new financial transactions tax (FTT). The 0.2% tax is expected to raise half a billion euros in the first year, with a pledge from President Hollande that a part of the revenue will go towards combatting AIDS. This is a huge step forward for the Robin Hood Tax campaign and the great efforts of our sister organisation in France: Robin des Bois. Former French President Sarkozy first proposed the tax at a rate of 0.1%. However, as soon as President Hollande took office, he doubled it to 0.2% - promising some of the revenue to development with the exact allocation being finalised this autumn. This initial step by France heralds a more ambitious FTT that nine European countries - including Germany, Spain and Italy - plan to implement by the end of 2012. CLIP

Farmageddon The Movie

<http://farmageddonmovie.com/>

The Unseen War on American Family Farm -

<http://www.facebook.com/FarmageddonTHEMOVIE>

New Bladeless Wind Turbine Claimed to be Twice as Efficient as Conventional Designs (August 3, 2012)

<http://www.treehugger.com/wind-technology/new-bladeless-wind-turbine-claimed-be-twice-efficient-conventional-designs.html>

(...) An average wind turbine captures only 30 to 40%, while the Saphon turbine is said to be 2.3 times more efficient. Additionally, the cost is expected to be 45% less than a conventional turbine, mostly due to the fact that there are no blades, no hub, and no gearbox on the units. CLIP

Incredible map of world's earthquakes creates an Internet buzz (July 1, 2012)

<http://www.examiner.com/article/incredible-map-of-world-s-earthquakes-creates-an-internet-buzz>

This week, a spectacular new photo of a map appeared on the Internet that shows a record of every earthquake the earth has ever had; the photo shows the earthquake locations in a brilliant lightening colored map and it shows all earthquakes between 1898 and 2003 that have had a magnitude of 4.0 or greater. 203,186 earthquakes are marked on the map. CLIP

You're Beautiful - Phil Wickham

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGITzH9xkXQ>

True High Definition Music video featuring a selection of breathtakingly beautiful time lapse pieces (try the HD option in full-screen) Time lapse video captured by mockmoon2000, (more from mockmoon2000 at his channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/mockmoon2000> - See also <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwPQdcGTRQo&list=UUarui8EGVy9YNS--oe0W6zw&index=8&feature=plcp>>Moonlight and Milky way rising at Daigenta Canyon and <http://vimeo.com/42785517>

Murmuration

<http://vimeo.com/31158841>

A chance encounter and shared moment with one of nature's greatest and most fleeting phenomena.

HBW World Bird Photo Contest - winners announced

<http://ibc.lynxeds.com/news/hbw-world-bird-photo-contest-winners-announced>

2012 - World Servers Festival Week

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbBQuZAVgUI>

Panoramio Contest - April 2012 winners

<http://www.panoramio.com/winners/?date=4-2012>

Previous months' winners through <http://www.panoramio.com/contest> (near the bottom) Lots of super desktop pictures to choose from with a little bit of exploring...

Cymatics - Water Sound image

http://www.cymaticsource.com/wsi_slide_show.htm

Amazingly cool images created with sound vibrations in water filled with tiny particles - Change slide at the bottom - As it's explained at

<http://www.cymaticsource.com/> Cymatics, the study of wave phenomena and vibration, is a scientific methodology that demonstrates the vibratory nature of matter and the transformational nature of sound.

Saving Beached Dolphins (Video)

<http://elcomercio.pe/player/1384898>

A quiet day on a beach in Brazil. This episode was filmed right from the start and shows the instant reaction by the people on the beach.

WHITE BUFFALO: An American Prophecy - A documentary to be

released this coming December

<http://www.whitebuffalomovie.com/>

WHITE BUFFALO is about the journey of four brothers who travel across America to discover the significance of Native American prophecy for these momentous times. This film has a strong environmental message, with particular emphasis on the healing of the planet's resources, and also healing the breaches among nations and divisions of society. The 8 slides featured on this website are worth reading. Play and stop each one to have enough time to read them. Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteBuffaloMovie>

Mandala Gallery

http://mandalaproject.org/Mandalas/index_new.html

More mandalas

<http://GajewskiART.de/Galerie2/bilderauswahl2.html>

NASA's Latest Photo Of Mars Is 'The Next Best Thing To Being There

<http://www.businessinsider.com/panoramic-image-mars-nasa-2012-7>

Curiosity rover: Martian solar day 2

<http://www.360cities.net/image/curiosity-rover-martian-solar-day-2#-210.23,14.15,100.5>

360 degree view of Curiosity rover landing site from last Sunday's landing. The rover is about the size of an SUV, way larger than the 2 types we sent before.

Path of Freedom (9 min 41 sec video)

http://www.globalonenessproject.org/videos/Path_of_Freedom

In the harsh environment of a Rhode Island men's prison, a group of fifty inmates are transforming their lives through the practice of meditation. Path of Freedom follows former inmate Fleet Maull as he visits prison to share his strategies for surviving on the inside. The film offers a rare glimpse into the inner lives of men reaching for forgiveness, inner peace and freedom behind bars. To learn more about Fleet and the work of the Prison Mindfulness Institute, visit: <http://www.prisonmindfulness.org>.

Educational Tools for the 99% and the 1%

<http://www.1PttFH.org/>

<<http://www.1PttFH.org/site-motivation>>PREMISE: The world needs

your passion - The People of the world represent the second superpower in opposition to the first superpower – the United States and coalition leaders supporting war. The People of the world stand at their evolutionary crossroads and search for ways to create a new world of peace and justice. The "Noam Chomsky Fact Sheets", also known as the "U.S. Power Misuse Fact Sheets" represent today's political truths and are presented as a gift to the People living inside and outside the United States– so that all can understand the misguided power design & misguided resource use of the United States. Use this powerful educational tool to form a solid People base for a new way of life different than the status quo: Get the big picture to understand the truths and opportunities of your space and time. Then as your inner spirit and passion acts out as 'you' - 'you', the independent thinker can decide how to participate to SHIFT the POWER to a 99% base. Shift the Power and Resources to PEOPLE 1st - inside and outside the U.S. ... Stop War. (...) Be accountable and responsible as a planet steward to find your passion and follow your bliss!

You may want to bookmark this site because there's way too much information for you if you only have a few minutes. Recommended by the creator of this site and ERN subscriber Porfirio Aguilar (porfaguilar@gmail.com) who wrote: "Thank you for all your hard work and efforts in Spiritual Politics.. I suggest the following may also help us move forward in that direction. (...) I've now added the Spiritual aspect of Spiritual Politics. Freely available are more useful educational multi-media tools I've developed that explain how the inner world of the Self works. I've added more robust tools for people to understand that "change" begins with you and awakening your inner power ripples out into the world. The content at my site helps you to navigate the 2012 SHIFT and beyond." Worth a long look!

AUTHENTIC TEXT OF CHIEF SEATTLE'S TREATY ORATION 1854

<http://www.halcyon.com/arborts/chiefsea.html>

Chief Seattle's reply to a Government offer to purchase the remaining Salish lands

From the Heart of the World : The Elder Brother's Warning (Video - 5:38 excerpt)

<http://www.linktv.org/globalspirit/kogi>

Why do the Kogi people call us their "younger brothers"? What is their solution to our current environmental crisis? A remote South American

tribe delivers their prophetic message. -- This poignant film carries a strong warning from a remote South American tribe that cautions us, the "younger brothers", to give up our self-destructive ways and honor the planet, before it is too late. After four centuries of seclusion, the Kogi, considered to be the last surviving pre-Colombian civilization, asked filmmaker Ereira to visit their homeland in the Sierra Nevada mountains of northern Colombia. From the Heart of the World: The Elder Brothers' Warning delivers their prophetic message to the industrialized world. Seeing themselves as guardians of life on earth, the Kogi have a profound spiritual understanding of the bond between humankind and the natural world - a bond that, they insist, must be respected. This powerful film stands as an especially cogent and moving plea for ecological wisdom. CLIP - Give a look at the many comments there... such as...

"In all my years of viewing the world, past and present, I believe the Kogi represent the only real prophet that has ever existed on the planet. None of those purported to be prophets have even so much as touched this subject. Indeed, all others have been interested only in gratification and expansion at the expense of the things the Kogi hold dear."

"This was the most riveting, beautiful, awakening, message that needs to be brought to the world. THANK-YOU LINK TV. THERE IS NO WHERE ELSE TO GET THIS INFO. THERE IS NO WAY WHAT WE THINK WHAT WE CAN DO IS GOING TO STOP EARTH'S DESTRUCTION. WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE KOGI THEY ARE ONE WITH THE EARTH."

You can watch the entire 53 minute documentary at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnLX9pdKuEg>

UFO Hovers Over Illuminati Castle In Germany: 3 Different Angles (Videos) (August 23, 2012)

<http://beforeitsnews.com/unexplained-phenomena/2012/08/ufo-hovers-over-illuminati-castle-in-germany-3-different-angles-videos-2430254.html>

An intriguing UFO video posted to YouTube is notable because of the unusual fact that three different people, from various angles, recorded the same sighting over the ancient ruins of Achalm castle in Germany. The unidentified flying object captured on tape looks enormous as it spins like a top. A closeup of the object doesn't reveal much identifiable detail,

except to say that it's definitely not any known aircraft CLIP

Ex-CIA agent: Roswell, N.M., incident really happened (July 10, 2012)

<[http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/07/ex-cia-agent-roswell-nm-incident-really-](http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/07/ex-cia-agent-roswell-nm-incident-really-happened/1#.UAGYIJH4KNU)

[happened/1#.UAGYIJH4KNU](http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/07/ex-cia-agent-roswell-nm-incident-really-happened/1#.UAGYIJH4KNU)>[http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/07/ex-cia-agent-roswell-nm-incident-really-](http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/07/ex-cia-agent-roswell-nm-incident-really-happened/1#.UAGYIJH4KNU)

A former CIA agent is going on the record to say the alleged UFO incident on July 8, 1947, in Roswell, N.M., really happened. Chase

Brandon, who worked 35 years with the CIA, said documents regarding the alleged landing of beings from outer space are locked up at the CIA's headquarters in Langley, Va. "It was in a vaulted area - there was one box that really caught my eye," the Daily Mail quotes Brandon as saying. "It

had one word on it: Roswell. I rummaged inside it, put the box on the shelf and said, 'My God, it really happened.'" Brandon [made] the

comments during the 65th anniversary of the alleged incident, which military officials initially explained as the capture of "a disc," but later

explained away as a weather balloon. "It was not a weather balloon - it was what people first reported," the [Daily Mail] quotes Brandon as

saying. The Huffington Post quotes Brandon as saying, "It was a craft that clearly did not come from this planet." Brandon worked as an undercover,

covert operations officer in the CIA's Clandestine Service, where he focused on missions on international terrorism, counterinsurgency, global narcotics and weapons smuggling. He spent his final decade with the

agency as liaison to the entertainment and publication industries, and it was during this time - in the mid 1990s - that he walked into the vaulted Historical Intelligence Collection area at CIA headquarters, according to

the news organization. Brandon said the box contained written material and photographs. Note: For a great Huffington Post article on this,

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/07/08/roswell-ufo-cia-agent-chase-brandon_n_1657077.html>click here. For the Daily Mail article,

<[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2170831/Roswell-UFO-landing-CIA-agent-Chase-Brandon-speaks-65th-](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2170831/Roswell-UFO-landing-CIA-agent-Chase-Brandon-speaks-65th-anniversary.html?ITO=1490)

[anniversary.html?ITO=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2170831/Roswell-UFO-landing-CIA-agent-Chase-Brandon-speaks-65th-anniversary.html?ITO=1490)>click here. For an excellent, intriguing eight-minute video featuring Chase Brandon on his knowledge of CIA training,

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IaqazWEvRGc>>click here. For verifiable quotes from a former head of the CIA, two astronauts, and

other top officials on a huge UFO cover-up,

<<http://www.wanttoknow.info/ufocover-up>>click here.

Fastwalkers Full Length (English subtitles) Fascinating movie!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5o-uC3uQUE>

Automated translation in several languages is available

Mass Orb UFO Sighting in Michigan July 10, 2012

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WajJ-gOUIV0>

On July 10, 2012 residents in several towns across northern Michigan witnessed a massive fleet of UFO orbs hovering in the night sky. The military has claimed the lights were flares being used in a training exercise. This is a ridiculous explanation of course since the orbs never descended to the ground and maintained a precise formation. One of the witnesses said: "It looked like it was coming straight towards us in the sky, and once it changed directions, that was the odd part, that it changed it's course." Flares don't changed course. These orbs are obviously intelligently controlled.

Best Of UFO Sightings Of June 2012, AFO

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNj9mbQztHI>

UFO, Alien, Extraterrestrial Contact By 2012

<http://mayanprophecy2012.blogspot.ca/2009/01/ufo-alien-extraterrestrial-contact-by.html>

For the last 60 years or so, the governments of the world have maintained total secrecy on the UFO, ET issue discounting all reports of flying anomalies and mysterious encounters with Extraterrestrial entities. In the next year or so as we approach 2012, many researchers believe we would be contacted by Extraterrestrials once we are prepared to accept a greater cosmic reality. The mystery slowly unfolds in front of our eyes with the prophesied end of time revelation when the secrets of the cosmos & all creation are revealed to us. The following article is from India Daily on the subject of Alien, Extraterrestrial Contact by 2012 ...The world is getting ready for something spectacular in 2012. According to researchers, the Federation of the Universe representing all the 88 star constellations will officially visit earth in 2012 and reveal themselves. It will bring an end to all UFO cover-ups in various countries. In many countries all over the world the rumors are floating around that many Governments are being contacted at this time slowly to announce their presence and coming official visit. According to some, the human civilization has finally reached a level when the earth can officially become part of the Federation of the Universe. They want an order and no panic among people. A slow but

steady process is on to slowly make people of the world ready to see the representatives of the Federation of the Universe. The world can finally become an official member of the Federation.

The Federation represents all the 88 constellations of stars. Constellations are patterns seen in the positions of stars. The modern celestial sphere is divided into 88 regions, each containing a different constellation of stars. Celestial Sphere is an imaginary sphere surrounding the Earth on which all heavenly objects (stars, galaxies, nebulae, etc...) seem to lie. The map of the Universe and charted position of galaxies will be presented to the earth. In 2012 the world will come to understand finally the actual evolution process, the process of bending time and space, the fact that gravity is a wave and not a force and the fact that the whole Universe is run through electromagnetic flux generated through natural process or artificial means. The earth will also be exposed to possible dangers to our planet that we do not even perceive. Emergency evacuation plans will be created in case of an unseen and unperceived calamity like what happened to Mars millions of years back. There is a genuine attempt being made to protect our civilization. The earth will be made ready to understand who we are, where is our origin and where is our future. Even things like what happens to us after death and so on will also become clear in 2012. The world is getting ready for the facts slowly but steadily.

AN HOUR WITH AN ANGEL – IN LIGHT RADIO July 23, 2012 HOST – GEOFFREY WESTCHANNEL – LINDA DILLON

<http://pathwaytoascension.wordpress.com/2012/07/24/an-hour-with-an-angel-in-light-radio/>

This is a fascinating show in which a Galactic Healing Technician describes a typical day in her life and the healing chambers on board ship. She explains that many healing ships hover close to Earth and are available day or night to welcome Earth humans who request healing. Many make the request to be beamed up to a healing ship at night before they fall asleep. The second speaker is a Galactic Scientist who reveals the presence of science ships around Earth. Galactic scientists are very much in communication with Earth's physicists. She speaks briefly of twin flames, stating that her twin flame is incarnated on Earth. We have heard channeling from leaders or commanders of the ships and Galactic Federation for years. This show is a first in which the galactic people are given an opportunity to speak. They express great excitement regarding our reunion with them—our REAL FAMILY. My personal reaction to

hearing these two women speak was deeply emotional—partly because Earth human lives will soon be like theirs and partly because it felt like HOME. http://www.blogtalkradio.com/inlight_radio/2012/07/24/an-hour-with-an-angel

UFO Sightings Air Force Flying Saucer?

<http://youtu.be/Bd8MLXWT1xE>

Many more through <http://www.youtube.com/user/thirdphaseofmoon> and <http://www.facebook.com/LatestUFOSightings>

Support has poured into the Nobel Committee urging that U.S. whistleblower Bradley Manning receive this year's Nobel Peace Prize. Nothing works for "the abolition or reduction of standing armies" like exposing what they do. And nobody else comes close to Manning in that regard. Please add your name today at http://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=5459, and urge everyone you know to do the same. Three members of Parliament in Iceland have nominated Manning and laid out the case: "Manning is a soldier in the United States army who stands accused of releasing hundreds of thousands of documents to the whistleblower website WikiLeaks. The leaked documents pointed to a long history of corruption, war crimes, and imperialism by the United States government in international dealings. These revelations have fueled democratic uprising around the world, including a democratic revolution in Tunisia. According to journalists, his alleged actions helped motivate the democratic Arab Spring movements, shed light on secret corporate influence on our foreign policies, and most recently contributed to the Obama Administration agreeing to withdraw all U.S. troops from the occupation in Iraq." Few have done more. A number of previous peace laureates have done far less.

Asylum for WikiLeaks Founder

http://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=6213

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is asking Ecuador for asylum, while Sweden seeks to extradite him from England. Sweden, in an apparently unprecedented move, is seeking to extradite and imprison someone without charging him with a crime -- after having refused opportunities to fully question him in England. We don't know the facts behind the sexual assault accusations against Assange and can take no position on them. We take sexual assault seriously. But the WikiLeaks leader is seeking

protection from the United States, not Sweden. Sweden has a record of bowing to U.S. pressure, including the handing over of two men to the CIA in 2006 -- leading the U.N. to find Sweden complicit in torture. The United States reportedly has a sealed indictment prepared for Assange, charging him with crimes against 'national security.' The United States has a record of, and an open formal policy of, incarceration without proper trial, solitary confinement and other abusive treatment, and the death penalty. Assange has the international human right to be protected from such a nation and to request asylum elsewhere. Assange, neither charged with nor convicted of any crime, is acting out of fear of our nation's abuses of the rule of law. It is the same fear that has led some of his WikiLeaks colleagues to quit doing the work that has so benefitted the people of our country and the world.

Assange blasts 'perverse transnational totalitarianism' – interview (31 August, 2012)

<http://rt.com/news/assange-interview-transnational-totalitarianism-021/>
(...) During the interview with Venezuelan TV station teleSUR from London's Ecuadorian Embassy, Assange condemned an "avalanche of totalitarianism" incited by the US government. He argued that democracy in Western countries is an illusion, and that the constant surveillance of citizens is leading to the creation of a "transnational totalitarian state." "This is an international phenomenon that isn't just happening in the US, it's bigger than the US and it's taking us to a dark place," Assange said. He alleged that human rights in the West are undergoing a severe deterioration, and that the public is being influenced by "massive press manipulation." Though the US denies the existence of a Supreme Court espionage case against Assange, there is overwhelming evidence that they are preparing such a lawsuit, he said. Likening the US reaction to the leaking of thousands of diplomatic cables to a playground spat, Assange claimed that he is part of a larger US crackdown on WikiLeaks. He believes the US first moved against his organizations over information they published on civilian deaths in Afghanistan. "The US armed forces have assassinated thousands of people [in Afghanistan], and indirectly 20,000 people according to its own files. ... They have spilt the blood of men, women, children and their own soldiers over Afghanistan," he said.
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Mini-drones to take your DNA?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SehzjHZ3WQ>

Pentagon goes from science fiction to reality with new military toys - In the past two decades, technology has advanced quicker than in any other time frame in history. From cloning animals to flying drones to androids, science-fiction seems to be becoming more of a science-fact. But what if flying drones can take a DNA sample or inserting a tracking chip in your body? RT's Kristine Frazao has more.

Black Budget Business Booming

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hF5wtpB5k5I>

The Pentagon's classified programs make up about 10% of its budget and continues to grow, despite plans to wind down wars. RT's Kristine Frazao takes a closer look at what the Black Budget is and discusses what very little we know about it.

CONPLAN 3502: Militarization of Police & Local Govt, Pandora's Box Unleashed! (45 min)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMbkPP01Mg0>

Alex Jones welcomes Dan Feidt, who posted a U.S. Army Civil Disturbance Operations training course document instructing soldiers to break up "unauthorized gatherings" by "dissident elements" in the United States. Feidt also runs the site <http://www.hongpong.com/>, a website dedicated to exposing "information operations, spinstorms, and latent contradictions."

Genetically Modified Foods: Eye-opening Major Media Reports Reveal Serious Dangers

http://www.WantToKnow.info/health/genetically_modified_foods_gm_harmful

Key News: 'Underwear Bomber' a CIA Asset, Sonic Oil Tests Killing Dolphins, Guantánamo Trial Rigged, More

http://www.WantToKnow.info/12/05_underwear_bomber_cia_asset_informant

Key News: Prison-Industrial Complex, Morgellons Disease Not Delusional, WTC Towers Had Explosives, More

http://www.wanttoknow.info/12/06_prison_industrial_complex

Key News: Bank Rate Rigging Scandal, Autism-Vaccine Link Award, Mondragon Coops, More

http://www.WantToKnow.info/12/07_bank_rate_rigging_scandal

Key News: CIA Official States ETs Are Real, More Banking Craziness, FDA Surveillance of Whistleblowers, More

http://www.WantToKnow.info/12/07_cia_official_ets_real

Top News: Fed Knew LIBOR Rigged, Oil Prices Rigged, Vatican & Banks Money Laundering, More

http://www.WantToKnow.info/12/07_fed_knew_libor_rigged_oil_prices_rigged

Top News: Global Child Porn Dragnet, FBI Agents Hunting 'Leakers,' 9/11 Conspirator Released, More

http://www.WantToKnow.info/12/08_global_child_porn

Top News: California's 'Right to Know' Vital to Health, FBI Informant Gave Guns to Black Panthers, More

http://www.WantToKnow.info/12/08_right_to_know

Top News: 9/11 Deception Reported in WSJ & NY Times, Mutating Butterflies At Fukushima, CIA Colludes with NY Times, More

http://www.WantToKnow.info/12/09_9-11_deception

Top News: US Govt Warns of 'Zombie Apocalypse,' \$100 Million to Bank Whistleblower, More!

http://www.WantToKnow.info/12/09_zombie_apocalypse_100_million_whistleblower

Playing God: Scientists Create Human-Animal Hybrids in Disturbing Experiments

<http://www.WantToKnow.info/humananimalhybrids>

Suprise suprise! World Elite Have A Reality Check : Glass-Steagall or Die! (11 July 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzdWWHB6B5k>

The collapse of the global financial system is coming to a head whereby significant elite banking institutions and the wealthiest families have grouped together to call for a Glass-Steagall reform in the UK and the US. This opens the doors to a global Glass-Steagall Standard of banking worldwide. This is Huge! This is History in the making! The once

considered enemy of humanity (the powers that be) has turned a new leaf in policy that will spare civilization from sliding into a new dark age. From the US, what is needed is the Leadership from Demarcates and Republicans to rally in the Congress and reinstate the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act that was repealed in 1999 under the Clinton Administration by Alan Greenspan and Larry Summers and Company. In the US, the only leading American promoting the reinstatement of the classical Glass-Steagall Act of 1933 -a measure taken by President Roosevelt to guide America out of the Great Depression of 1933 is none-other-than Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. a world renowned Economist and American Patriot. In this report we take up the recent speech given by Vladimir Putin on Russia's policy to continue cooperation with China and to extend that to Europe and the United States. We also take a look at the developments in Syria, the recent findings in the fast and furious trial as well as the latest on Glass-Steagall. A specific grouping of the British oligarchy has sounded the trumpet loud and clear, Glass-Steagall NOW! Even though most Americans have yet to realize the effect of this historic shift or feel the weight of the opportunity presented, this tidal wave for Glass-Steagall has already reached our shores. CLIP

“Health at Gunpoint: The FDA’s Silent War Against Health Freedom”
(July 29, 2012)

<http://www.citizens.org/?p=3084>

The FDA was established in 1906 to protect the U.S. public from misbranded and adulterated foods, drinks and drugs. While the original intent may have been honorable, over the years the execution of this mission has become tainted by lobbyists and money. In Health at Gunpoint, James Gormley presents a history of both the natural foods movement and of this over-reaching Federal agency and examines how the agency has changed over the years. He then looks at the FDA’s most controversial decisions and the troubling reasons behind them. Why did the FDA try to shut down the supplements industry by getting most supplements classified as drugs? Why did the FDA drag its feet on folic acid fortification while thousands of babies were born with devastating birth defects? Why did the FDA try to get life stages (such as pregnancy and aging) and normal discomforts (such as headaches) classified as diseases? Why are irradiated and genetically-altered foods not labeled as such? Why does the FDA favor synthetic additives and dangerous drugs over natural ingredients and dietary supplements? Why did the FDA propose a guidance that would cripple the health food industry as we

know it today? Today, as in the past, the FDA is poised to make decisions that would have a major impact on the health of all Americans. Health at Gunpoint not only sheds light on what is happening, but also explains what you can do about it. In many European countries, nutritional supplements are now available by prescription only. If you don't think harmonization-friendly, anti-consumer, restrictions can be put in place here, you may be in for a rude awakening. Health at Gunpoint will help prepare you for the coming fight! --- What forces and interests direct the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and why is this out-of-control law enforcement agency working so hard to take dietary supplements out of our hands? These are the central questions explored by Citizens for Health's very own VP and Senior Policy Advisor, James Gormley, in <<http://astore.amazon.com/gormley-health-media-15710-20/detail/0757003818>>Health at Gunpoint: The FDA's Silent War Against Health Freedom, what we at CFH hope you will consider to be a groundbreaking book that brings into clear focus the silent war now being waged by the FDA against all of us: American consumers.

Eclipse Images from Around the World

http://beforeitsnews.com/story/2159/673/Eclipse_Images_from_Around_the_World.html

Take A Look At The New Internet That Opened For Business Today
(Jun. 6, 2012)

<http://www.businessinsider.com/take-a-look-at-the-new-internet-that-opened-for-business-today-2012-6>

A few hours ago, a whole new Internet was switched on. The old Internet is almost out of room. The new Internet is vastly bigger. It's ready for trillions and trillions more computers, devices, Web sites and the like. Confused? Here's how it works: In order to be on the Internet, a device or Web site needs an address. The old Internet had about 4.3 billion IP addresses. That's not a lot. There are more mobile phones today in use than that. The new Internet has 40 trillion trillion trillion (or, 340,000,000,000, 000,000,000,000, 000,000,000,000)! This new Internet is known as Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) and the old Internet is IPv4. (IPv5 got scrapped for IPv6). Here's an example of what an old Internet address looked like: 192.0.2.1. Here's an example of a new IPv6 address: 2001:0db8: 85a3:0000:0000: 8a2e:0370:7334. Network engineers have been working on this for years and years. So you won't really notice anything different as they slowly switch everything from the old Internet to the

new Internet, which will take a couple of years. BUT if you are going to sign up for a new ISP, or buy a new home router or launch a new Web-based business, make sure it works with IPv6. Even though the new Internet is turned on, not every network provider has gotten its IPv6 act together yet. Over time, this new Internet will have a profound effect on our lives as all kinds of devices (things we can't even imagine) get connected to the Internet, like every appliance in your home, medical sensors and much more. Below the Father of the Internet, Vint Cerf explains the new Internet. Cerf now works for Google.

<http://the2012scenario.com/2012/06/new-internet-opens-for-business>

Banned TED Talk

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1b_Q1lprAk

Banned TED speech that pointed out the disparity between the rich and the poor. Excellent video that shows that lowering the tax on the Rich caused a loss of jobs. The Trickle-Down Theory does not work.

How To Buy A Politician

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0swbTrW5zEA>

How do politicians (both Republicans and Democrats) cash in after they leave office? How does this legalized bribery corrupt the American government?

Woman Stuns Researchers By Overcoming Cancer With Turmeric Spice

http://beforeitsnews.com/story/2360/333/Woman_Stuns_Researchers_By_Overcoming_Cancer_With_Turmeric_Spice.html

Health Benefits of Turmeric - The Best of a Truly Amazing Food

<http://naturalsociety.com/overcoming-pharmaceuticals-top-health-benefits-of-turmeric/>

Turmeric | Curcumin and Turmeric Benefits

<http://organicindia.mercola.com/herbal-supplements/turmeric.aspx>

<http://organicindiausa.com/turmeric-formula/>

Details <https://organicindiausa.com/content/Turmeric.pdf>

Electricity generated from water: BlackLight Power announces validation of its scientific breakthrough in energy production (May 22, 2012)

<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/05/22/4507447/electricity-generated-from-water.html>

Leading academic and industry experts have validated BlackLight's new process that directly produces electric energy from the conversion of water vapor to a new, more stable form of Hydrogen. Experts agree that BlackLight's "Hydrino theory" represents a fundamental breakthrough in clean energy technology.

Protest Sea Shepherd Leader Paul Watson's Extradition on Shark Poachers and Whalers Accusations (May 17, 2012)

http://www.ecoearth.info/shared/alerts/sendsm.aspx?id=shark_finning

Paul Watson, the founder and leader of the aggressive and highly effective marine conservation group Sea Shepherd – known mainly for disrupting whale hunts, documented on the reality TV program Whale Wars – has been detained in Germany at the request of Costa Rica, which wants him extradited on trumped up charges from shark fin poachers and whale killers. Ecological Internet strongly supports Sea Shepherd and their forthcoming "global campaign to save sharks from extinction". We agree with Captain Hammarstedt that "Captain Paul Watson belongs on a ship on the high seas protecting sharks, whales, and other marine life, not in some jail cell here in Germany."

Stop the KILLING of dolphins and whales

<http://signon.org/sign/navy-under-water-sound>

Stop the killing of 1,600 whales and dolphins and the deafening of 11,200 more by ceasing the operation of the Navy's underwater sound system in the Hawaiian Islands and California coastline.

Mystery of 500 penguins washed up on beach in Brazil (15 Jul 2012)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/wildlife/9401682/Mystery-of-500-penguins-washed-up-on-beach-in-Brazil.html>

The bodies of more than 500 penguins have washed up on beaches in southern Brazil over the past week. Marine biologists are investigating what caused the deaths of the 512 penguins found on beaches of the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul. The cause of death should be known in about 30 days. The penguins were migrating north from Argentina in search of food in warmer waters. The birds appeared well-fed, unhurt and without oil stains. Thirty samples from the penguins were being analysed at Porto Alegre University. Veterinarians were puzzled by the large quantity of animals found and by the fact that they appeared not exhausted and without injuries. CLIP

Volcanic activity lifts Canary island (June 28, 2012)

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/327552>

Following days of almost continual earthquakes, residents of the small Canary island of El Hierro are once again living in fear of a volcanic eruption as their island begins to lift. According to the National Geographic Institute of Spain, increases in seismic activity on the island has seen literally hundreds of earthquakes, known as a swarm, shaking the island and gradually increasing in strength since June 25. Around 750 earthquakes have been recorded although few have been strong enough to be felt by the residents until the last two days. The island has been placed on yellow alert by the security committee in charge of operations as the earthquakes increase. The largest so far was registered at 4.0 on the Richter scale on Wednesday June 27. More frightening for the approximately 10,000 residents is the fact that a bulge has developed in the island, lifting it five centimetres in four days. Whereas the volcanic activity of 2011 was based out at sea, this time the magma appears to be forming right underneath the island and the pressure is building. Scientists on the island are using the position of the earthquake epicentres to try and work out where the magma from the volcano will come to the surface. The longer it takes to find a vent, the more the pressure from the magma will grow and the larger any possible eruption is likely to be. CLIP

Jeffrey Smith, the OGM threat (1er de 4 parties) MUST WATCH! (Avec sous-titres français)

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xfmq42_1-4-jeffrey-smith-la-menace-ogm-s-t_news

Italian court rules MMR vaccine did trigger autism (8 May, 2012)

<http://www.nyrnaturalnews.com/chemicals-2/2012/05/italian-court-rules-mmr-vaccine-did-trigger-autism/>

Natural Health News - An Italian court has ruled there is a link between the MMR vaccine and autism. In what may be a ground-breaking decision, the Italian Court of Rimini has ruled that causation between an MMR vaccine and the resulting autism in a young child "has been established." The unnamed child received the vaccine in March of 2004 and on returning home immediately developed adverse symptoms. During the next year the child regressed, receiving the autism diagnosis one year later and is now 100% disabled by the disease. The Italian court ruled that the child "has been damaged by irreversible complications due to vaccination (prophylaxis trivalent MMR)" and ordered the Ministry of Health to

compensate the child with a 15 year annuity and to reimburse the parents of their court cost. CLIP - Voir aussi Comprendre et déceler certains effets secondaires graves des vaccins un extrait exceptionnel de l'excellent livre "Vaccinations, le marché de l'angoisse", du Dr Gherard Buchwald, un médecin qui a passé plus de 40 années de sa vie à étudier la question des effets...

THE FOLLOWING WAS SENT BY A FRIEND...

The Official List - Using any of these words online will put you in the crosshairs of Big Brother's surveillance machine

You might like to know that if you use ANY of these words, however innocently, in emails, Facebook, Twitter, etc . . . you may catch the attention of Govt. Agencies who are monitoring your every word online . . .

For example, take the sentence . . . "After your illness it would be SMART to take more EXERCISE to speed up your RECOVERY." This entirely innocent sentence could be flagged by Big Brother and you could merit closer examination or worse, a knock on the door, simply because the words in capitals are in the official list of keywords that they look for in communications which they monitor - and they monitor just about everything ...

Here is the official list of keywords that they look for . . .

<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/02/27/official-list-words-feds-monitored-social-newworking-sites-86741/>

Just to prove the point, a young UK couple were arrested upon arrival in the USA, put in jail, interrogated, and refused entry to the country because of a joke they posted on Twitter . . .

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/4095372/Twitter-news-US-bars-friends-over-Twitter-joke.html>

Big Brother is watching you in many other ways; listening to your phone calls, tracking your movements and much more . . .

<http://www.activistpost.com/2012/04/thirteen-ways-government-tracks-us.html>

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SPECIAL SECTION ON THE EXTREME SUMMER WEATHER

A Summer of Extremes Signifies the New Normal (4 September 2012)

http://e360.yale.edu/feature/mckibben_summer_of_weather_extremes_signifies_new_climate_normal/2568/

This summer has seen record heat waves and wildfires in the U.S, the worst flooding in Beijing's modern history, and droughts that devastated the U.S. corn crop and led India to set up "refugee camps" for livestock. These extreme events were not freak occurrences – this is how the Earth works now.

CONVENTIONS 2012 Obama Being Pressed to Respond on Climate
(September 5, 2012)

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/2012-election/obama-being-pressed-to-respond-on-climate-20120904>

A large group of Democratic donors is threatening to withhold money from President Obama's reelection campaign unless he breaks his silence on climate change and responds directly to GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney's denigration of the issue at the Republican National Convention last week. The donors want Obama to reject the advice of his campaign operatives and affirm his support for addressing climate change in his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention on Thursday night, said Betsy Taylor, a Democratic strategist and president of Breakthrough Strategies & Solutions. "We've been working on behalf of a network of about 100 political donors who maxed out to the Obama campaign in 2008, and only about 25 percent have maxed out this election cycle," Taylor said. "The whole focus has been on elevating the climate issue. We do feel that it's imperative that the president respond to Mitt Romney's mocking and that he do so forcefully with a clear statement." In his acceptance speech at the Republican convention last week, Romney drew cheers from the delegates when he ridiculed Obama's stance on climate change. "President Obama promised to begin to slow the rise of the oceans and to heal the planet," Romney said. "My promise is to help you and your family." Obama has been largely mum on the issue of climate change in 2012 after promising to aggressively tackle the problem in his 2008 campaign. This year, in an election focused on the economy, Republicans have attacked any efforts to address climate change as "job-killing regulations" and the White House has been reluctant to respond,

despite recent polls showing most voters support action on climate change.
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"Bill McKibben has an article about the climate crisis in the August 2nd issue of Rolling Stone. It's more than sobering. McKibben pulls together the numbers and facts that confirm what we all know in our bodies, hearts, and heads about climate change. It's real, it's happening. It's going to get a lot worse. Read it and weep. Read it with compassion for all the animals and plants that will struggle through a future with increasingly severe droughts, famines, floods, hurricanes, tornados, typhoons, etc. Read it and organize."

- Lois Barber from Earth Action -- Taken from
<<http://www.earthaction.org/2012/07/climate-change-its-real-its-happening-its-going-to-get-a-lot-worse-.htm>>Climate Change: It's real, it's happening. It's going to get a lot worse (July 20, 2012)

Global Warming's Terrifying New Math By BILL MCKIBBEN (JULY 19, 2012)

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/global-warmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719>

Three simple numbers that add up to global catastrophe - and that make clear who the real enemy is - If the pictures of those towering wildfires in Colorado haven't convinced you, or the size of your AC bill this summer, here are some hard numbers about climate change: June broke or tied 3,215 high-temperature records across the United States. That followed the warmest May on record for the Northern Hemisphere - the 327th consecutive month in which the temperature of the entire globe exceeded the 20th-century average, the odds of which occurring by simple chance were 3.7×10^{-99} , a number considerably larger than the number of stars in the universe. Meteorologists reported that this spring was the warmest ever recorded for our nation - in fact, it crushed the old record by so much that it represented the "largest temperature departure from average of any season on record." The same week, Saudi authorities reported that it had rained in Mecca despite a temperature of 109 degrees, the hottest downpour in the planet's history. Not that our leaders seemed to notice. Last month the world's nations, meeting in Rio for the 20th-anniversary reprise of a massive 1992 environmental summit, accomplished nothing. Unlike George H.W. Bush, who flew in for the first conclave, Barack Obama didn't even attend. It was "a ghost of the glad, confident meeting

20 years ago", the British journalist George Monbiot wrote; no one paid it much attention, footsteps echoing through the halls "once thronged by multitudes." Since I wrote one of the first books for a general audience about global warming way back in 1989, and since I've spent the intervening decades working ineffectively to slow that warming, I can say with some confidence that we're losing the fight, badly and quickly – losing it because, most of all, we remain in denial about the peril that human civilization is in. CLIP

Rare Burst of Melting Seen in Greenland's Ice Sheet (July 24, 2012)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/25/science/earth/rare-burst-of-melting-seen-in-greenland-ice-sheet.html>

In a scant four days this month, the surface of Greenland's ice sheet melted to an extent not witnessed in 30 years of satellite observations, NASA reported on Tuesday. On average, about half of the surface of the ice sheet melts during the summer. But from July 8 to July 12, the ice melt expanded from 40 percent of the ice sheet to 97 percent, according to scientists who analyzed the data from satellites deployed by NASA and India's space research institute.

Drought in US Intensifying to 'Historic Proportions' (July 26, 2012)

<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/07/26-6>

The drought in the U.S. is intensifying and shows little signs of abating, according the most recent Drought Monitor issued Thursday. The data from the Drought Monitor show the intensification of the drought over the past week. While the amount of the contiguous U.S. hit by drought remained at near 64%, the area hit by severe or greater drought went from about 42% to 46%. In the past week, the areas suffering extreme or exceptional drought jumped from 13.5% to almost 21%. "We've seen tremendous intensification of drought through Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Arkansas, Kansas and Nebraska, and into part of Wyoming and South Dakota in the last week," said Brian Fuchs, a climatologist and U.S. Drought Monitor author. "This drought is two-pronged," Fuchs added. "Not only the dryness but the heat is playing a big and important role. Even areas that have picked up rain are still suffering because of the heat." Describing the hot, parched area from the Great Plains to the Midwest, Drought Monitor author Richard Heim of the NOAA reports, "Temperatures reached 100 degrees Fahrenheit or hotter across parts of the Great Plains to Midwest every day this week, and some locations have not had significant rain for the last 30 days. (...) Dr. Jeff Masters writes on

WunderBlog: "These are truly historic levels of drought, exceeded only during the great Dust Bowl drought of the 1930s and a severe drought in the mid-1950s." According to Masters, July 2012 now ranks second on a list of months with the greatest percent area in moderate or greater drought since 1895. Relief appears to be nowhere in sight. "Conditions are likely to persist," Fuchs said. "We'll see further development and intensification into the fall."

Drought Grips Nation and Shows What Climate Change Does to Our Communities (07/23/2012)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frances-beinecke/drought-grips-nation-and_b_1695201.html

The worst drought in 50 years has descended on America and left communities struggling to cope. "If no significant rain comes, I will have to go out of business," explained Karen Harrelson, one of many farmers and ranchers fighting to hang on through the drought. "I just don't have any grass and won't be able to afford the hay prices." She has already been forced to sell 100 of her 250 herd of cattle. The summer from hell continues to bring wave after wave of extreme weather events, and each one provides yet another example of what climate change is doing to our families and businesses. After the fires and heat waves, came the drought. The National Weather Service's Drought Monitor said more than half the country is in its grip and nearly 1,300 counties have been designated disaster areas as a result. The number of lives impacted and the amount of money lost will be tallied for months and years to come. CLIP

Drought conditions cover 80 percent of the U.S. (July 16, 2012)

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563_162-57473336/drought-conditions-cover-80-percent-of-the-u.s/

JONESTOWN, Texas - We haven't seen a drought like this in more than 55 years. Across the middle of the country, the sun is beating down on dying crops and shrinking lakes. On Monday, the federal government said that more than half the continental United States is now experiencing moderate to exception drought. That is more of America drying out than at any time since 1956. Times are hard on Easy Street -- or at least at the Easy Street marina on Lake Travis. The falling water level has forced owner Steve Mazzuca to temporarily move his marina out to deeper water three times in six years. "There's only so much you can take as a small business person when this keeps happening over and over and over again," he said. CLIP

US Drought Disaster Worst In Over 50 Years (July 16, 2012)

<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/07/16-3>

Forecast: More Heat, More Drought -- The 2012 drought disaster is now the largest in over 50 years, and among the ten largest of the past century, according to a new report released by the National Climatic Data Center today. The current drought actually covers more area than the famous 1936 drought, though other droughts in the Dust Bowl years – particularly the extreme drought of 1934 – still rank higher. CBS News reports: For the first time, government scientists are saying recent extreme weather events are likely connected to man-made climate change. It's the conclusion of a report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The report says last year's record drought in Texas was made "roughly 20 times more likely" because of man made climate change, specifically meaning warming that comes from greenhouse gasses like carbon dioxide. The study, requested by NOAA, looked at 50 years of weather data in Texas and concluded that man-made warming had to be a factor in the drought. The head of NOAA's climate office, Tom Karl, said: "What we're seeing, not only in Texas but in other phenomena in other parts of the world, where we can't explain these events by natural variability alone. They're just too rare, too uncommon." And with July typically being the hottest month of the year, it may get much worse before it gets better. Among the top ten largest "severe" droughts on record, five of them peaked in the months of July and August. The latest weather forecasts call for the drought afflicting the U.S. Midwest to worsen, taking a bigger toll on the country's massive corn and soybean crops, meteorologists said on Monday. Now, more than 1,100 farmers in Nebraska have been ordered by the state's Department of Natural Resources to halt irrigation of their crops because the rivers from which they draw water have dropped due to a worsening drought. The orders come as the central United States bakes under the worst drought in a half a century which has parched corn and soybean crops and sent prices of both commodities to near-record highs.

As U.S. sees record heat, extreme weather pummels 4 continents (July 10, 2012) <http://news.mongabay.com/2012/0710-hance-extremes-worldwide-climate.html>

It's not only the U.S. that has experienced record-breaking extreme weather events recently, in the last couple months extreme weather has struck around the world with startling ferocity. In addition to the much-

covered heatwaves, wildfires, and droughts in the U.S., killer floods struck India, the worst drought yet recorded plagued South Korea, and massive forest fires swept through Siberia to name just a few. Fires in Siberia: Exceptionally dry and warm conditions have led to hundreds of wildfires in Siberia this summer. Greenpeace has stated recently that the organization believes more forest has burned this year in Russia than the devastating fires of 2010. CLIP

Climate change increased the probability of Texas drought, African famine, and other extreme weather (July 11, 2012)

<http://news.mongabay.com/2012/0711-hance-attribution-report-2011.html>

Climate change is here and its increasing the chances for crazy weather, according to scientists. A prestigious group of climatologists have released a landmark report that makes the dramatic point that climate change is impacting our weather systems—and in turn our food crops, our economies, and even our lives—here-and-now. The new report in the American Meteorological Society is first of what is intended to be an annual offering that will attempt to tease out the connections between climate change and individual extreme weather events, such as heatwaves, droughts and floods. "2011 will be remembered as a year of extreme events, both in the United States and around the world," Kathryn D. Sullivan, deputy administrator with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, said in a press release. "Every weather event that happens now takes place in the context of a changing global environment." For example, researchers found that climate change made last year's devastating drought in Texas 20 times more likely than such an event would have been just fifty years ago. CLIP

US drought could trigger repeat of global food crisis, experts warn (23 July 2012)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/jul/23/us-drought-global-food-crisis>

As the mid-west bakes and food prices soar, threats of a ripple effect in the Middle East could lead to more uprisings

The Corn Is Dying All Over America (July 10th, 2012)

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/the-corn-is-dying-all-over-america>

All over America the corn is dying. If drought conditions persist in the

middle part of the country, wheat and soybeans will be next. Weeks of intense heat combined with extraordinarily dry conditions have brought many U.S. corn farmers to the brink of total disaster. If there is not significant rainfall soon, many farmers will be financially ruined. This period of time is particularly important for corn because this is when pollination is supposed to happen. But the unprecedented heat and the extremely dry conditions are playing havoc with that process. With each passing day things get even worse. We have seen the price of a bushel of corn soar 41 percent since June 14th. That is an astounding rise. You may not eat much corn directly, but it is important to realize that corn or corn syrup is just about in everything these days. Just look at your food labels. In the United States today, approximately 75 percent of all processed foods contain corn. So a huge rise in the price of corn is going to be felt all over the supermarket. Corn is also widely used to feed livestock, and if this crisis continues we are going to see a significant rise in meat and dairy prices as well. Food prices in America have already been rising at a steady pace, and so this is definitely not welcome news.

The weather conditions in the middle part of the country during the last couple of months have been highly unusual. The following is from a recent article in the Los Angeles Times....

It's not that the Midwest hasn't been extremely hot before, and it's not that it hasn't been incredibly dry. But it's unusual for a vast swath of the Midwest to be so very hot and so very dry for so very long -- particularly this early in the summer. The current heat wave -- which is spurring comparisons to the catastrophic heat of 1936 -- is "out of whack," meteorologist Jim Keeney said Friday in an interview with the Los Angeles Times. Corn crops typically pollinate and mature in June and early July. That is why this time of the year is so vitally important for corn. We have reached a make it or break it moment. The following is how an Accuweather.com report described what is happening right now.... Either heat or drought can stress the stalks, but both can basically shut down the pollination process. When this happens few, small or no ears of corn form.

According to AccuWeather.com Agricultural Meteorologists, you can't raise a corn crop with less than an inch of rain over six weeks, combined with 100-degree and higher temperatures. However, these conditions have taken place in much of the southern corn belt through the week of July 4, 2012. If pollination does not happen, corn farmers might as well give

up. Just check out what agricultural economist Chris Hurt said the other day.... "Pollination problems just can't be overcome, even if the weather turns. There's no turning back. There's just failure." At this point, half of all corn in the state of Indiana is already in poor shape. With each passing day, the condition of the corn gets even worse. As a recent article in the Chicago Tribune detailed, many farmers feel completely helpless at the moment.... Dave Kestel, who farms about 1,300 acres in Manhattan about 40 miles southwest of Chicago, said he feels helpless. "Every day you get out there and it's the same heat and cloudless sky," he said. "You see your corn just withering out there, knowing you can't do anything about it." The United States is suffering from a severe lack of rain. Just look at the chart posted below. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, most of the country is experiencing drought conditions right now.... These drought conditions have also played a major role in the huge number of wildfires that we have seen lately. There are a few northern states that are not feeling the drought right now, but otherwise the rest of the country is extremely dry.

(...) Unfortunately, the fact that the corn is dying all over America is not just a problem for the United States. As Businessweek also recently noted, the fate of U.S. corn affects the entire globe.... When rain doesn't fall in Iowa, it's not just Des Moines that starts fretting. Food buyers from Addis Ababa to Beijing all are touched by the fate of the corn crop in the U.S., the world's breadbasket in an era when crop shortages mean riots. This year they have reason to be concerned. Stockpiles of corn in the U.S. tumbled 48 percent between March and June, the biggest drop since 1996, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said last week. And that was before drought hit the Midwest. The United States is the world's biggest exporter of corn by far, and if there is a massive corn crop failure in America it is going to be felt to the four corners of the earth. Just check out what Abdolreza Abbassian, a senior economist with the U.N. Food & Agriculture Organization, said the other day.... "Everyone watches the U.S. because they can rely on it. Without it, the world would starve." Back in February, I wrote an article that suggested that we could see dust bowl conditions return to the middle part of this country in the years ahead. A lot of people were skeptical of that article. Not quite as many people are skeptical today. CLIP

Loading the Climate Dice By PAUL KRUGMAN (July 22, 2012)
<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/23/opinion/krugman-loading-the->

climate-dice.html

(...) Now, maybe this drought will break in time to avoid the worst. But there will be more events like this. Joseph Romm, the influential climate blogger, has coined the term

“<<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2011/10/26/353997/nature-dust-bowlification-food-insecurity/>>Dust-Bowlification” for the prospect of extended periods of extreme drought in formerly productive agricultural areas. He has been arguing for some time that this phenomenon, with its disastrous effects on food security, is likely to be the leading edge of damage from climate change, taking place over the next few decades; the drowning of Florida by rising sea levels and all that will come later. And here it comes. Will the current drought finally lead to serious climate action? History isn't encouraging. The deniers will surely keep on denying, especially because conceding at this point that the science they've trashed was right all along would be to admit their own culpability for the looming disaster. And the public is all too likely to lose interest again the next time the die comes up white or blue. But let's hope that this time is different. For large-scale damage from climate change is no longer a disaster waiting to happen. It's happening now.

Satellite Imagery Reveals Widespread Farm Crop Stress

<http://farmfutures.com/story.aspx/satellite-imagery-reveals-widespread-farm-crop-stress-0-61485>

NASA Animation: Watching the Earth Breathe

<http://www.climatecentral.org/blogs/watching-the-earth-breathe/>

When Charles Keeling first began measuring the atmosphere's carbon dioxide levels in the late 1950's, he noted first that they stood at about 315 parts per million (ppm), or 315 molecules of carbon dioxide for every million molecules of air. Soon after, though, he found that the concentrations were rising, thanks to the burning of fossil fuels (today, they stand at around 395 ppm and they're still rising). But he also noticed that the upward curve of CO₂ concentrations had a sawtooth pattern. That pattern saw CO₂ rise sharply in the fall in the Northern Hemisphere - - when leaves died and fell off the trees to rot -- then drop slightly in spring as new leaves emerged to start drawing in CO₂ for photosynthesis. (Leaves fall and sprout in the Southern Hemisphere, too, in an exactly opposite pattern, but there's so much more ocean and so much less land south of the Equator that the Northern effect is a lot stronger). Now NASA has put together an animation that shows this process in a much

more vivid way. Based on observations from two instruments on the Aqua spacecraft, the animation shows how the disappearance of leaves (green) leads to an increase in atmospheric CO₂ (yellow-orange), first in one hemisphere, then in the other — and just as Keeling showed a half-century ago, the effect in the Northern Hemisphere is a lot stronger.

Worst US drought raises world food fears (July 17, 2012)

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-07-](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-07-17/us/32712908_1_corn-crop-midwest-corn-trade-corn)

[17/us/32712908_1_corn-crop-midwest-corn-trade-corn](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-07-17/us/32712908_1_corn-crop-midwest-corn-trade-corn)

CHICAGO: Corn and soybeans in the US Midwest baked in an unrelenting heat wave on Monday with fears rising of big crop losses that will boost food and fuel prices and cut exports and aid from the world's top shipper of the key crops. The condition of the nation's corn and soybeans as of Sunday deteriorated even more than grain traders had feared, and the US Agriculture Department cuts its weekly corn crop condition rating by the biggest amount in nearly a decade. After weeks of growing drought some lucky farms have been doused by scattered thunderstorms in the past few days. But weather forecasters warned the heat and dryness would only intensify through the end of July and possibly beyond. "We're moving from a crisis to a horror story," said Purdue University agronomist Tony Vyn. "I see an increasing number of fields that will produce zero grain." The drought scorching the US Midwest is the worst since 1956, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in a report posted on its website on Monday. Drought is affecting 55 percent of the land mass in the lower 48 states. The corn crop is in the greatest danger. Plants are trying to pollinate to let ears fill with kernels, a period when adequate moisture is vital for final yields. The United States ships more than half of all world exports of corn, which is made into dozens of products, from starch and ethanol to livestock feed. The USDA on Monday rated the corn crop - which had once been estimated to total a record 14 billion bushels this year - at only 31 percent good-to-excellent, down 9 percentage points on last week.

(...) To make matters worse, Winger said, drought has created ripe conditions for spider mites, which suck the moisture out of soybeans and can slice yields in half. Japanese beetles and other pests were feeding on Midwest corn, which can also develop toxic fungal diseases in drought years, analysts said. Both grains are exported around the world, raising concerns about global food shortages and inflation. The impact on American grocery and meat case prices may take time to be felt but will likely be seen in inflation in coming months.

Missouri a drought disaster area - No end in sight for stressed farmers
(July 18, 2012)

<http://www.leaderjournal.com/news/x1992165419/Missouri-a-drought-disaster-area>

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -(AP) - Relentless heat and historically dry conditions are showing no signs of easing in Missouri, with the National Weather Service predicting seven to 10 days of 100-degree temperatures, including several expected to reach at least 105 degrees. Lack of moisture is causing big problems for farmers and others who rely heavily on water for their livelihoods.

(...) Gov. Jay Nixon on Tuesday said the U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved a request to designate all 114 Missouri counties as disaster areas. The designation allows eligible farmers to be considered for assistance from the federal Farm Service Agency, including receiving emergency loans. Nixon asked for the federal assistance last week. Heat, dry weather and a lack of snow last fall and winter have contributed to the difficult conditions for Missouri farmers and ranchers. Drought conditions have hit especially hard in the far southeast corner of the state, the Missouri Bootheel region, which the U.S. Drought Monitor shows to be in extreme drought. Farmers are getting hammered, and eventually consumers will be feeling the pain, too, said John Schoen, a Cape Girardeau County dairy farmer with 500 cows on 800 acres that have been in the family since the mid-1800s. "This is a very serious situation all the way through to the consumer," Schoen, 57, said. "I've only experienced probably three droughts in my lifetime and this is probably the worst." Schoen said many of his cows drink from ponds and creeks on his land, and those waters are drying up. "Streams in this part of the country are about 50 percent of what they should be," he said. "Ponds are probably at 30 percent of capacity." He said feed costs are skyrocketing because of the drought, up by about 30 to 35 percent over the past four weeks. That will translate into higher beef costs in three to six months, Schoen said, and dairy prices will go up, too, but not as quickly. CLIP

Drought disaster: Food prices set to skyrocket (JULY 17, 2012)

<http://www.examiner.com/article/drought-disaster-food-prices-set-to-skyrocket>

As climate change continues to rear its ugly head with record drought conditions in 26 states across the U.S., food prices are on the rise with no end in sight. As heat waves, record temperatures and devastating fires

continue to wreak havoc, the future for crops look bleak, despite the fact that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has declared over 1,000 U.S. counties natural disaster zones. With the declaration of the natural disaster zones, qualified farmers will be able to receive low-interest emergency loans to help them with their crop losses - but the question remains, with the climate changing so fast, how long will those emergency funds last and how much are food prices going to rise with one extreme weather event after another happening? CLIP

NORTH KOREA: Drought causes famine and child 'stunting' under food shortage (June 25, 2012)

<http://womennewsnetwork.net/2012/06/25/north-korea-drought-causes-famine-and-child-stunting-under-food-shortage/>

Pyongyang, NORTH KOREA: Nearly a third of children under five show signs of [childhood growth] stunting, particularly in rural areas where food is scarce, and chronic diarrhoea due to a lack of clean water, sanitation and electricity has become the leading cause of death among children, the agency said. Hospitals are spotless but bare; few have running water or power, and drugs and medicine are in short supply, the UN said in a detailed update on the humanitarian situation in North Korea. "I've seen babies ... who should have been sitting up who were not sitting up, and can hardly hold a baby bottle," Jerome Sauvage, the UN's Pyongyang-based resident coordinator for North Korea, said in Beijing before presenting the report to donors. Millions of North Korean children are not getting the food, medicine or healthcare they need to develop physically or mentally, leaving many stunted and malnourished, the United Nations has said. The report paints a horrific picture of deprivation in the countryside, not often seen by outsiders, who are usually not allowed to travel beyond the relatively prosperous Pyongyang, where cherubic children are hand-picked to attend government celebrations and a middle-class with a taste for good food have the means to eat out. Sauvage's report provides not only further evidence of North Korea's inability to feed its people, but also bolsters critics who say the government should be spending on food security instead of building up its military, testing rockets and pursuing a nuclear programme denounced by the UN, the US and South Korea. The UN called for \$198m in donations for 2012 - mostly to help feed the hungry. CLIP

A parched earth (30 June 2012)

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/kt-article-display-1.asp?xfile=/data/editorial/2012/June/editorial_June59.xml§ion=editorial

THE SUMMER of 2012 is turning out to be one of the worst in living memory for millions of people in the northern hemisphere, as a devastating drought ravages across thousands of hectares of farmland from the Korean peninsula in the east through China and India and on to the US Midwest. While hundreds of farmers have committed suicide in recent months in several Indian states, there are fears of a catastrophe in North Korea because of the food shortage. In several Midwestern states of the US, authorities are urging people not to light fireworks for the forthcoming Independence Day celebrations to limit the danger of fire. Comparisons are already being drawn to the drought of 1988 when nearly \$80 billion worth of crops were lost following the failure of the rains in America. Nearly a quarter of the United States is facing drought conditions and corn prices have soared by almost 30 per cent. The fact that the drought is affecting vast swathes of land in three of the world's most significant economies - the US, China and India - which are also leading producers of agricultural crops means that there could be an acute shortage of food and a spurt in food prices. North Korea, facing its worst drought in 50 years, is already posing a major challenge for the global community with a looming food shortage threatening millions. According to the United Nations, nearly two-thirds of the 24 million people in the country are facing chronic food shortages. The situation is equally grim in South Korea, where many regions are facing the worst drought since records began to be maintained more than a century ago. In China, more than 4.25 million people - and an equally large number of livestock - are suffering from a shortage of drinking water in half a dozen provinces. In Hubei, about 800,000 people have been deprived of drinking water because of the drought. The south-west monsoon, the lifeblood of India's agriculture economy - which provides livelihood to 700 million people - has seen a disastrous start. The rains have failed across the sub-continent, leading to scarcity conditions. Met officials have also warned that the rains could fail during the second-half of the monsoon season (August and September) because of the El Nino effect, causing untold misery for millions. CLIP

Drought Reaches Record 56% of Continental US (July 5, 2012)

<http://news.yahoo.com/drought-reaches-record-56-continental-us-235924965.html>

Floods as torrential rain hits UK (6 July 2012)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-18722054>

Russia flash floods: 144 killed in Krasnodar region (8 July 2012)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-18751198>

India may face genuine food shortage after four decades (July 8, 2012)
<http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/23175.asp>

Excessive food exports, shortage of rainfall and power have created the high probability of food shortage in India after four decades. Millions of acres of northern India farming land are facing water shortages due to the late arrival of monsoon rains, deepening already acute power shortages and disrupting the sowing season of staple food crops at a time when India's economy is fragile. Since green revolution in seventies under Jagjivan Ram and Indira Gandhi, India never faced such high probability of acute food shortages (...) Heavy monsoon rains typically arrive in June, but some parts of northern India, an expansive agricultural belt on which millions of people rely for food, have yet to see a drop of rain. Excessive heat wave in America is signaling El Niño in India and rain fall can be minimal this year creating a massive crop failure for a nation that has to feed 1.2 billion people.

Somalia: UN Warns of Impending Humanitarian Crisis (18 JULY 2012)
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201207180341.html>

Nairobi - The United Nations has called for sustained aid efforts in Somalia to prevent the war-torn country from experiencing another humanitarian crisis as more than three million people remain in need of urgent aid. The U.N. said on Tuesday Jul. 17 in Nairobi that while the situation in the Horn of Africa nation had greatly improved over the last few months, millions remain threatened by acute food shortages and a lack of basic necessities. This, the U.N. said, was compounded by insecurity and insufficient rains. It warned that if aid agencies do not step in to stem the escalating situation, a humanitarian catastrophe could develop. "While famine conditions are no longer present, we need to make no mistake - the absence of famine does not mean that people are not in crisis. Today, 2.51 million people are still in urgent need of aid and a further 1.29 million could slide back into crisis without sustained assistance," said Mark Bowden, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Somalia. Bowden, who spoke ahead of an official launch of a revised consolidated appeal for 1.16 billion dollars by

global aid agencies on Thursday July 19, said that aid efforts have to be sustained in order to consolidate the gains made in Somalia. According to the U.N., within 90 days of last year's famine declaration on Jul. 20, the number of people receiving food aid more than tripled to 2.6 million, while hundreds of thousands of acutely malnourished children received nutrition supplements.

(...) According to the Kenyan Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture Dr. Romano Kiome, the food situation in the Horn of Africa remains precarious and has been made worse by poor harvests and low rainfall. "Even in most parts of Kenya, the situation is similarly unfavourable as a result of the poor rains. The government has been forced to go back to the drawing board and strategise on how we will distribute food. We have a considerable number of regions where there are widening shortages," Kiome told IPS. Kiome said the worsening food situation in Somalia was compounded by the ongoing conflict in the country. "Security in Somalia is still a major concern and we second the U.N.'s call for the need to sustain large-scale humanitarian activities across the country," he said. CLIP

Africa: Aid Agencies and the President of Niger Call for Urgent Action to Tackle Sahel Food Crises, Now and in the Future (19 JUNE 2012)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201206191407.html>

As prolonged drought and political instability worsen the current food crisis that is threatening more than 19 million people across the Sahel, President Mahamadou Issoufou of Niger met with UK Aid Agencies this week to discuss the food crisis and insecurity affecting the region. The Sahel Working Group (SWG) agencies welcomed the early response shown by the Government of Niger in responding to the crisis. Together they called for donors to meet the \$864 million funding gap still needed to meet the immediate emergency needs and for longer term investment in efforts to avoid future food crises. Almost one million malnourished children are currently in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, according to Unicef, with 5.5 million people at risk of severe food shortages in Niger alone. As the 'lean season' fast approaches and the rains are late and unpredictable, aid groups warn that the worst is still to come. On-going political instability in neighbouring Mali and Libya has exacerbated the crisis, forcing more than 39,000 Malian conflict refugees and 260,000 Nigerien migrant workers to flood across the borders into Niger, placing a huge strain on the country's already severely depleted food reserves.

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Americas Crazy Obesity Problem (Feb 2012)

<http://youtu.be/rXNe3LHIVxU>

Fabulous Life Of Filthy Rich Billionaires

<http://youtu.be/Lt89AYksS5k>

Mali: Refugees in a Vulnerable Situation (JUNE 26, 2012)

<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/news/article.cfm?id=6091&cat=field-news>

Ongoing conflict and a food crisis have driven more than 300,000 Malians to flee the country for neighboring nations. "Many are terrified and ready to leave everything behind to escape violence," says Marie-Christine Férir, MSF emergency coordinator. The refugees, who are coming mostly from Timbuktu, Gao, Ségou, and Mopti, are taking refuge in communities and camps where there is only very limited assistance in terms of water, shelter, and food.

(...) Refugees do not have adequate access to safe water, especially in the desert areas of Mauritania. Potable water is essential to avoid diseases and other hygiene-related health problems. In Niger's Bani Bangou camp, MSF trucks are servicing some reservoirs of water, producing 200 cubic meters (about 53,000 gallons) of chlorinated water each week. "With temperatures around 50 degrees, [about 122 degrees Fahrenheit] we have to make sure that the refugees and especially the young children and the elderly get enough to drink," says Férir. The fact that the region already suffers from drought and food insecurity makes migration of this scale particularly alarming. Treating and Preventing Malnutrition - The refugees are totally dependent on humanitarian aid for essential services like the distribution of food supplies, but the food they receive is often inadequate. Mothers receive neither milk nor appropriate food to feed their children. "The rice [distributed by many humanitarian aid groups] can relieve hunger but can not replace the nutrients children need," says Férir. "The distribution of elements such as proteins, fats, vitamins, carbohydrates, and minerals are essential for growth and development of the child." In Mauritania, refugees have told MSF that they had fled Mali because of lack of food. Since the beginning of the emergency response, MSF has treated almost 1,000 severely malnourished children in those three countries. CLIP

South Sudan refugee crisis: "All of these deaths are preventable" (9 JULY 2012)

<http://worldandmedia.com/sudan/south-sudan-refugee-crisis-qall-of-these-deaths-are-preventableq-say-msf-0907.html>

Aid agencies and the South Sudanese government urgently need to work together to resolve the refugee crisis in border regions according to a leading medical charity. One year on from the momentous declaration of independence by South Sudan and 18 months after the secession referendum, head of Office at Medecins Sans Frontières Ireland, Jane-Ann McKenna said the situation at Jamam Camp is critical with eight children dying every day. She said in the last month over 35,000 refugees have fled violence in Sudan for the camp in South Sudan, bringing the total number of refugees in the area to an estimated 170,000. "Many had been walking for weeks, or months on end, and were suffering from dehydration. In many cases already ill, they arrived in a place that is uniquely unsuited to accommodate a hundred thousand refugees," she said via e-mail from Jamam. It had been hoped independence for the smaller nation from north Sudan would mean peace following decades of civil war. But sporadic conflict on the Sudanese side of the border between the government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement North (SPLM-N) is spreading. In recent months the South Sudan government has shut down oil production causing economic distress on the both sides of the border with MSF saying rising food prices are adding to the tension. As heavy rains continue, this camp and others are at risk of flooding as the dry plains cannot support this huge influx of people. Describing the area as a "swampy floodplain", McKenna said: "This is completely unacceptable. All of these deaths are preventable, and more resources need to be deployed to ensure that no more deaths happen." CLIP

Donor fatigue: World Food Programme halves food rations to refugees (13 JULY 2012)

<http://worldandmedia.com/more-africa/donor-fatigue-world-food-programme-halves-food-rations-to-refugees-1307.html>

[JOHANNESBURG] The UN World Food Programme (WFP) has halved food rations to refugees living in camps in at least four African countries citing a funding shortfall. The cuts have already affected 16,000 refugees in Malawi's Dzaleka camp who have been on half rations since March, while a further 120,000 refugees in Uganda began receiving half rations of cereals in May. According to WFP, another 100,000 refugees in Tanzania saw their maize rations cut by 50 percent starting from last week, and

rations for some 54,000 refugees living in Rwanda are expected to be cut in August unless donors come forward with more funding. "Even the full ration wasn't enough," said Sanky Kabeya, a 24-year-old resident of Dzaleka who spoke to IRIN at the end of March. "I haven't taken breakfast this morning and many are in the same situation." Gustave Lwaba, another resident of the camp, said the usual monthly ration of 13kg of maize had gone down to 7kg, while rations of cooking oil, pigeon peas, sugar and salt had also been cut by half. "There are people in the camp who rely on relatives who've been resettled," he said. "The rest really starve because the rations can't last a month." CLIP

BANGLADESH: Floods leave thousands food insecure (11 July 2012)

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report/95841/BANGLADESH-Floods-leave-thousands-food-insecure>

BANGKOK, (IRIN) - Thousands of people have been left food insecure after extensive flooding, landslides and flash floods in eastern Bangladesh at the end of June. Crops and seed stocks have been badly damaged and it will be three to four months before farmers are able to replant. "We need to support the villagers now or we will face serious food shortages in the region soon," Matiur Rahman, director of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, (BDRCS) told IRIN. "Until the next harvest we need to support the communities with cash and seedlings." Fazlul Haque, Joint Secretary of the Disaster Management and Relief Division (DMRD), said the loss of rice paddies and livestock in the floods had badly shaken the livelihoods of millions who depend on agriculture. The government estimates that more than 1,000 hectares of seasonal crops were destroyed in eastern Bangladesh, while scores of poultry farms and fish hatcheries were swept away. "The Ministry of Agriculture is closely monitoring the situation in order to allocate aid to the farmers," Haque said. "But rescue operations are now over and we are concentrating on relief aid, providing tarpaulins, plastic sheeting, medicine, dry food and water purification tablets to affected districts." An estimated five million people were affected by days of exceptionally heavy rain, and the government says some 58,000 were displaced, but humanitarian partners on the ground say the real number was significantly higher. CLIP

Relief effort aids Russia flood victims (July 10, 2012)

<http://www.euronews.com/2012/07/10/relief-effort-aids-russia-flood-victims/>

Russia's flood victims are being offered gifts of food, clothes, bedding and

toys by residents of Moscow, who have been moved by their plight. The disaster zone near the Black Sea has a severe shortage of such goods so ten drop-off points have been set up in the capital. Volunteers receive the donations bound for survivors of floods that killed more than 170 people. The relief effort comes as controversy continues to rage over this weekend's tragedy. The government says local authorities were too slow issuing warnings to those hit by the wall of water. A senior official in the devastated Krymsk district has been dismissed. The floods followed more than a month of heavy rainfall in the southern region of Krasnodar, a centre for agriculture and tourism. Analysts don't expect any impact on Russia's grain and oilseed harvest but damage to roads and railways could delay deliveries to port.

Heavy storms wreak havoc in China (2012-07-18)

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2012-07/18/content_15592881.htm

Natural disasters - strong winds, hail, floods, landslides and mudslides - caused by the downpours have affected about 7.4 million people in 233 counties in Jiangsu, Anhui, Hubei, Hunan, Sichuan and Guizhou provinces and Chongqing municipality and forced the evacuation of about 431,000 people, the ministry said in a statement. Rainstorms caused 12,000 houses to collapse, damaged 64,000 others and flooded 478,500 hectares of cropland, causing direct economic losses of 3.82 billion yuan (\$599 million). National disaster relief and civil affairs authorities set emergency response measures in motion and sent two teams to the worst-affected provinces, Hubei and Guizhou, to direct the relief work. The latest storms, which began on July 11, have affected nearly 1.7 million residents in 54 counties and left 13 dead and three missing in Guizhou province by 11 am on Tuesday, according to the ministry. CLIP

Flood-battered Japan warily eyes typhoon (17 July 2012)

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/bulletin/flood-battered-japan-warily-eyes-typhoon-0>

Flood-battered southwestern Japan on Tuesday braced for a typhoon amid fears it could heap further misery on an area where at least 32 are dead or missing after record rainfall. Typhoon Khanun was lashing the Amami island chain, south of Kyushu where four days of torrential rain have sparked landslides and flooding, forcing hundreds of thousands of people from their homes. Khanun -- "jack fruit" in Thai -- packing winds of up to 108 kilometres (67 miles) per hour, was moving west-northwest at 30 kilometres per hour and was expected to graze the west of Kyushu island,

the Japan Meteorological Agency said. Tuesday morning brought a lull in the rainfall for most of the region, but the weather agency was warning that there could be up to 15 centimetres (six inches) of rain in the 24 hours to 6:00 pm (0900 GMT) in the north of Kyushu. CLIP

Climate and the Food Crisis (JULY 18, 2012)

<http://www.counterpunch.org/2012/07/18/climate-and-the-food-crisis/>
The Age of Disruptive Climate Change, and its impact on the supply of food, is a major source of modern-day uprisings, toppling governments around the world. The United States is "the breadbasket of the world," and the largest exporter of corn, soybeans, and wheat, accounting for one in every three tonnes of staple grains that feed the world. Over the past month, futures prices for corn and wheat are up approximately 50%. The culprit behind this abnormal pricing behaviour is a major drought that is scorching one-half the breadbasket of America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture declared on July 11 that more than 1,000 counties in 26 states are natural-disaster areas, the biggest such declaration ever! According to The Economist, The End of Cheap Food (Dec. 2007), by the end of 2007, when high grain prices sparked riots in 48 countries, the magazine's food-price index reached its highest point since originating in 1845. Alarming, as of today, corn is back to those same 2007 peak prices, wheat is rapidly approaching the same high levels, and soybeans are at multi-year highs, but the U.S. drought has only begun... maybe. (...) Food shortages and high food prices pose a huge potential strain for worldwide governments and tottering capitalist socio-economic systems. According to Abdolreza Abbassian, senior economist with the UN Food & Agriculture Organization (Rome), "The world looks to the U.S. as the safest source of supply... Everyone watches the U.S. because they can rely on it. Without it, the world would starve."

(...) With the current fragile state of worldwide economic conditions, the upshot of rapidly rising food prices and/or food shortages may turn the world upside down, and shake it, because much of the Western world is already on life support, addicted to low interest rates, with a "steady-as-she-goes" very tempered economic recovery, and a high-wire balancing act to support uncomfortable levels of debt. The tenuousness of the economic situation takes one's breath away! Any major imbalances in this quiescent economic tinderbox could be a dagger to the heart of the status quo, causing unprecedented rioting in the streets, which is already an indeterminate trend in the great metropolises. Capitalist nation-states are

already under more financial duress than at any time since the Great Depression; however, today is different than the 1930s, it is the developed nations that are under water with debt ratios higher than in the 1930s. This is the reverse of the situation in the 1930s when undeveloped nations were most at risk. Thus, the countries that normally weather the storm the best are the weakest. Can Western Civilization handle rapidly increasing food prices, possibly accompanied by street riots, and with severely weakened socio-economic conditions?

(...) There is direct evidence that disruptive climate change caused the political fires that burned across North Africa one year ago, i.e., the Arab Spring, and it was kindled in Russia. Extreme drought triggered wildfires and destroyed one-third of the Russia's wheat harvest. Russia refused to export the rest of its harvest. Markets panicked and food prices shot up. "Definitely, it is one of the causes of the Arab Spring," says Shenggen Fan, director-general of the International Food Policy Research Institute. It is increasingly clear that the climate models that predicted the countries surrounding the Mediterranean would start to dry out are correct (Human-Caused Climate Change Already a Major Factor in more Frequent Mediterranean Droughts, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), Oct. 27, 2011.)

Meanwhile, today in the United States, NOAA says, as of June 2012, "... the 12-month period from July 2011 to June 2012 was the warmest on record since recordkeeping began in 1895." And, to make matters even worse, Central and Eastern Canada's drought is "baking crops," says David Phillips, senior climatologist with Environment Canada, who goes on to comment, "... it's almost as if the atmosphere has forgotten how to rain," And, Michael Oppenheimer, professor of Geosciences at Princeton University states, "What we are seeing is a window into what global warming really looks like." These concerns with global warming are poppycock according to one leading Republican, Rick Santorum, who tersely informed Rush Limbaugh in an interview in June 2011, "... global warming is 'patently absurd' and 'junk science'." Leading Right Wing mouthpieces like Ann Coulter claim climate researchers are "cult members," who practice deception. As for Mitt Romney, while holding one finger up in the air, testing the direction of the latest polling breeze, he claims, on the one hand, he's not sure "if humans are causing climate change," but on the other hand, he is not a "denier of climate science." Talk about a safe bet! Talking out of both sides of his mouth, which climate science does he refer

to? It is patently disturbing that anybody would deny climate change with 97% of scientists saying man-made climate change is real, according to the National Academy of Sciences, after posing the question to 1,372 scientists (USA Today, June 2010.) CLIP

Global Warming Makes Heat Waves More Likely, Study Finds (July 10, 2012)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/11/science/earth/global-warming-makes-heat-waves-more-likely-study-finds.html>

Some of the weather extremes bedeviling people around the world have become far more likely because of human-induced global warming, researchers reported on Tuesday. Yet they ruled it out as a cause of last year's devastating floods in Thailand, one of the most striking weather events of recent years. A blog about energy and the environment. Go to Blog » A new study found that global warming made the severe heat wave that afflicted Texas last year 20 times as likely as it would have been in the 1960s. The extremely warm temperatures in Britain last November were 62 times as likely because of global warming, it said. The findings, especially the specific numbers attached to some extreme events, represent an increased effort by scientists to respond to a public clamor for information about what is happening to the earth's climate. Studies seeking to discern any human influence on weather extremes have usually taken years, but in this case, researchers around the world managed to study six events from 2011 and publish the results in six months. CLIP

BBC Global Dimming Documentary About Geoengineering & Global Warming

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8RyNSzQDaU>

A BBC documentary about how unintentional increased reflectance due to man made pollution has actually hidden the affects of increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

2,600 scientists: climate change killing the world's coral reefs (July 10, 2012)

<http://news.mongabay.com/2012/0710-hance-coral-reefs-climate-statement.html>

In an unprecedented show of concern, 2,600 (and rising) of the world's top marine scientists have released a Consensus Statement on Climate Change and Coral Reefs that raises alarm bells about the state of the world's reefs as they are pummeled by rising temperatures and ocean acidification, both caused by greenhouse gas emissions. The statement was

released at the 12th International Coral Reef Symposium. "Rising sea levels, more intense storms, changes in ocean chemistry due to air and water pollution—all these stress coral reefs," said chief organizer of the statement, Steve Palumbi with the Center for Ocean Solutions, in a press release. "At least 25 percent of the world's coral reefs have been degraded. Because of the global origin of climate change, the only way to tackle this is through a worldwide effort." Higher temperatures in the ocean has resulted in unheard of coral bleaching events, whereby the coral loses its symbiotic zooxanthellae, which can severely weaken reefs and even lead to mass mortality. In addition, acidification of the oceans, which is caused by excessive carbon inputs into the ocean, decreases calcium carbonate; corals, as well as marine mollusks and even some plankton, depend on calcium carbonate to survive. A recent study found that ocean acidification is currently occurring at a rate not seen for 300 million years, a trend that could eventually lead not only to coral decline, but mass extinction throughout the oceans. CLIP

Stop Great Barrier Coal

http://www.avaaz.org/en/the_great_barrier_coal_mine_global/
Australia could let mining magnates build one of the world's largest coal ports on top of the Great Barrier Reef ecosystem -- opening access to 8 billion extra tonnes of planet-killing coal and risking the survival of this entire amazing world heritage site. Activists in Australia are pressuring the government and UNESCO is speaking out, but a bank owned by the US public is key to the project. Global pressure on the US bank now could bring international shame and spotlight environmental issues in the middle of the US election season. If they pull out, the entire crazy plan could be shut down for good. Let's up the pressure on the bank's chairman Fred Hochberg and demand he halt funding for Great Barrier Coal. We have only days to act -- he's in Australia for meetings right now. Click below to join the call to save the reef and Avaaz will deliver our voices to Hochberg. The enormous coal port project would push the already vulnerable reef closer to the brink by constructing an export terminal inside its waters -- and by flooding the market with 8 billion more tonnes of coal exports. It would allow up to 20 ships each day to travel over this pristine area, shuttling dirty coal from inland Australia to China. We saw the kind of damage these ships can cause in 2010 when a ship ran aground, leaving a 3km gash in the unique reef. Right now, the proposal is facing hurdles after UNESCO reported that coal development is damaging the reef, and the Australian government has intervened by calling for a

review of the environmental assessment. If we can cut the funding off at its source we can bring another blow to the plan -- and help stop the entire mining operation.

Tell the Obama Administration: Don't "XL" climate change. Reject the Keystone XL Pipeline!

http://act.credoaction.com/campaign/extreme_xl

In the same week that record June heat blanketed the country, a massive summer storm wreaked havoc from Indiana to Washington, and the biggest fire in Colorado's history continued to burn out of control -- President Obama doubled down in his support for the energy that is causing this deepening climate change spiral. Last week, the Obama Administration approved the first portion of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, 1 gave away 750 million tons of publicly owned coal to Peabody Energy for virtually nothing, 2 and promised to lease more Arctic offshore areas for oil drilling. 3 Now, the Canada-to-Oklahoma portion of the Keystone XL pipeline - which would turn up the spigot on deadly, "game over for the climate" tar sands production - is back before the State Department after being rejected by President Obama earlier this year when Republicans tried to force his decision. Without the pressures of the election, President Obama could very conceivably cave if he is the one making a decision in 2013. This public comment period is our opportunity to go on the record, before the election, with our fierce opposition. And to stop the administration from making another terrible decision. Tell the Obama Administration: Reject the Keystone XL tar sands Pipeline Today's weather is a scary prelude of things to come. And it's clear that our leaders can't take the heat. Our leaders are simply not confronting the abundantly obvious, terrifying realities of escalating climate change. The present Congress is simply hopeless. And the Obama administration is mostly hapless. Many policies are only further dooming our future. We can't depend on our leaders. But we can take action. We must make sure the State Department considers the full climate impacts of Keystone XL when determining if it's in our national interest. If they do that, there's no way they'll approve it. Stopping Keystone XL won't reverse the spiral of our heating climate. But as one of the single largest projects to turn up the spigot on the dirtiest form of energy in the world, it will stop us from making the problem much worse for our future. And so we must stop it. Tell the Obama Administration: Reject the Keystone XL Pipeline. Submit a comment now.

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OTHER RECOMMENDED NEWS AND INFORMATION

Judge Blocks Controversial NDAA (May 16, 2012)

<http://www.courthousenews.com/2012/05/16/46550.htm>

MANHATTAN (CN) - A federal judge granted a preliminary injunction late Wednesday to block provisions of the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act that would allow the military to indefinitely detain anyone it accuses of knowingly or unknowingly supporting terrorism. Signed by President Barack Obama on New Year's Eve, the 565-page NDAA contains a short paragraph, in statute 1021, letting the military detain anyone it suspects "substantially supported" al-Qaida, the Taliban or "associated forces." The indefinite detention would supposedly last until "the end of hostilities." In a 68-page ruling blocking this statute, U.S. District Judge Katherine Forrest agreed that the statute failed to "pass constitutional muster" because its broad language could be used to quash political dissent. "There is a strong public interest in protecting rights guaranteed by the First Amendment," Forrest wrote. "There is also a strong public interest in ensuring that due process rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment are protected by ensuring that ordinary citizens are able to understand the scope of conduct that could subject them to indefinite military detention." Weeks after Obama signed the law, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Chris Hedges filed a lawsuit against its so-called "Homeland Battlefield" provisions. Several prominent activists, scholars and politicians subsequently joined the suit, including Pentagon Papers whistle-blower Daniel Ellsberg; Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Noam Chomsky; Icelandic parliamentarian Birgitta Jonsdottir; Kai Wargalla, an organizer from Occupy London; and Alexa O'Brien, an organizer for the New York-based activist group U.S. Day of Rage. They call themselves the Freedom Seven. CLIP

Secret 'Kill List' Proves a Test of Obama's Principles and Will (May 29, 2012)

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/29/world/obamas-leadership-in-war-on-al-qaeda.html?_r=2&pagewanted=all

(...) Nothing else in Mr. Obama's first term has baffled liberal supporters and confounded conservative critics alike as his aggressive counterterrorism record. His actions have often remained inscrutable, obscured by awkward secrecy rules, polarized political commentary and

the president's own deep reserve. In interviews with The New York Times, three dozen of his current and former advisers described Mr. Obama's evolution since taking on the role, without precedent in presidential history, of personally overseeing the shadow war with Al Qaeda. They describe a paradoxical leader who shunned the legislative deal-making required to close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay in Cuba, but approves lethal action without hand-wringing. While he was adamant about narrowing the fight and improving relations with the Muslim world, he has followed the metastasizing enemy into new and dangerous lands. When he applies his lawyering skills to counterterrorism, it is usually to enable, not constrain, his ferocious campaign against Al Qaeda — even when it comes to killing an American cleric in Yemen, a decision that Mr. Obama told colleagues was “an easy one.” His first term has seen private warnings from top officials about a “Whac-A-Mole” approach to counterterrorism; the invention of a new category of aerial attack following complaints of careless targeting; and presidential acquiescence in a formula for counting civilian deaths that some officials think is skewed to produce low numbers. CLIP

A Cruel and Unusual Record By JIMMY CARTER (June 24, 2012)
<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/25/opinion/americas-shameful-human-rights-record.html>

THE United States is abandoning its role as the global champion of human rights. Revelations that top officials are targeting people to be assassinated abroad, including American citizens, are only the most recent, disturbing proof of how far our nation's violation of human rights has extended. This development began after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and has been sanctioned and escalated by bipartisan executive and legislative actions, without dissent from the general public. As a result, our country can no longer speak with moral authority on these critical issues. While the country has made mistakes in the past, the widespread abuse of human rights over the last decade has been a dramatic change from the past. With leadership from the United States, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in 1948 as “the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.” This was a bold and clear commitment that power would no longer serve as a cover to oppress or injure people, and it established equal rights of all people to life, liberty, security of person, equal protection of the law and freedom from torture, arbitrary detention or forced exile.

The declaration has been invoked by human rights activists and the international community to replace most of the world's dictatorships with democracies and to promote the rule of law in domestic and global affairs. It is disturbing that, instead of strengthening these principles, our government's counterterrorism policies are now clearly violating at least 10 of the declaration's 30 articles, including the prohibition against "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." Recent legislation has made legal the president's right to detain a person indefinitely on suspicion of affiliation with terrorist organizations or "associated forces," a broad, vague power that can be abused without meaningful oversight from the courts or Congress (the law is currently being blocked by a federal judge). This law violates the right to freedom of expression and to be presumed innocent until proved guilty, two other rights enshrined in the declaration. In addition to American citizens' being targeted for assassination or indefinite detention, recent laws have canceled the restraints in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to allow unprecedented violations of our rights to privacy through warrantless wiretapping and government mining of our electronic communications. Popular state laws permit detaining individuals because of their appearance, where they worship or with whom they associate.

Despite an arbitrary rule that any man killed by drones is declared an enemy terrorist, the death of nearby innocent women and children is accepted as inevitable. After more than 30 airstrikes on civilian homes this year in Afghanistan, President Hamid Karzai has demanded that such attacks end, but the practice continues in areas of Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen that are not in any war zone. We don't know how many hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed in these attacks, each one approved by the highest authorities in Washington. This would have been unthinkable in previous times. These policies clearly affect American foreign policy. Top intelligence and military officials, as well as rights defenders in targeted areas, affirm that the great escalation in drone attacks has turned aggrieved families toward terrorist organizations, aroused civilian populations against us and permitted repressive governments to cite such actions to justify their own despotic behavior.
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Collapsing U.S. credibility BY GLENN GREENWALD (June 25, 2012)
http://www.salon.com/2012/06/25/collapsing_u_s_credibility/singleton/

Condemning foreign governments for abusive acts while ignoring one's own is easy. But the U.S. leads the way

Police Unleashing Army Of Assassination Drones Against US Citizens
VIDEO

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_7HR9GQnlo

Given the recent passage of the NDAA and the open admission by the Federal Government that they will engage in targeted killings of US citizens to combat terrorism it is only a matter of time before reports of "terrorist" US citizens being assassinated by these drones become common in newspaper reports. Check also...

Police Unleashing Army Of Assassination Drones Against US Citizens

<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/03/25/police-unleashing-army-assassination-drones-citizens-104771/>

Location Of 63 Secret Killer Drone Bases Inside The US Revealed

<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/04/25/faa-forced-release-location-63-drone-bases-126461/>

110 Possible sites for launching Drones in the U.S.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/program/collect/uas-future.pdf>

Ground Based Spy Sensors Across US To Assist NDAA Spy Drones

<<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/06/04/ground-based-spy-sensors-across-us-to-assist-ndaa-spy-drones-140771/>>

<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/06/04/ground-based-spy-sensors-across-us-to-assist-ndaa-spy-drones-140771/>

Massive Military Drone Deployment In U.S. Airspace

<<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/02/06/ndaa-trojan-unleashed-massive-military-drone-deployment-airspace-81311/>>

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<<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/06/04/ground-based-spy-sensors-across-us-to-assist-ndaa-spy-drones-140771/>>

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Jeremy Scahill Calls President Obama A Murderer Video

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article31497.htm>
Weighing in on President Obama's targeted drone strikes in the Middle East, journalist Jeremy Scahill did not mince words.

A Killer In the White House By John Grant

<http://www.thiscantbehappening.net/node/1189>

President Obama is playing the Precision Myth for all it's worth. As an important adjunct to the Myth of American Exceptionalism, it allows Americans to feel good about themselves as they get away with murder. The news that Barack Obama -- a Constitutional scholar and recipient of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize -- has taken personal charge of lethal US drone hits in Yemen and Pakistan is one of those stories that takes time to sink in. The New York Times

(<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/29/world/obamas-leadership-in-war-on-al-qaeda.html?pagewanted=all>) stresses how serious the issue has become. "With China and Russia watching, the United States has set an international precedent for sending drones over borders to kill enemies." It's no longer a cool video-game experiment; it's the beginning of robot warfare, and, if history is a lesson, it will have unanticipated consequences and our enemies will learn to counter the weapon with imaginative weapons of their own, including drones. We should expect to be surprised and blindsided. Martin Luther King spoke of it as a futile rising cycle of violence. Exactly how many non-combatants and innocent people are being killed is the big question. There's no way to know. One, there's a pathological level of secrecy in our militarized government and, two, we can't believe a word the government says anyway. CLIP

BILDERBERG 2012 NWO Busted- Man who exposed Bilderberg reveals conspiracy secrets to EU.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6LyH7Wu8NY>

Secretive and elite - the Bilderberg group, which unites some of the world's most powerful people, has been meeting behind closed doors for decades. An investigative journalist Daniel Estulin has just revealed to the European Parliament all he claims to have discovered about the 'Bilderbergers', and expects the results of his findings to have the 'effect of an atomic bomb'. --- BRUSSELS - The Bilderberg Groups roots go back over 800 years as their members continue to push towards and for a new world order. The members care about nothing more than full scale domination of the populace by way of money and power. Respected researcher Danial Estulin reports on RT;

Don Coxe - Get Ready, Banks to Collapse In Europe (June 26, 2012)
http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2012/6/26_Don_Coxe_-_Get_Ready,_Banks_to_Collapse_In_Europe.html
(...) It used to be that the number that would solve things was \$500 billion, then it got to \$1 trillion, and now I'm reading responsible people who say, 'We will really need about \$2 trillion over the next twelve months because of debts maturing.' I just don't see where that's going to come from because the European Central Bank doesn't have money. The IMF has lined up \$450 billion, including about \$34 billion from China, but that's not going to be dispensed if you realize that it would be swallowed up in a matter of weeks, and they would be back for more. She (Christine Lagard) is not going to drain the IMF's money. So they are going to say, 'We don't want the IMF to become purely a eurozone financing bureau.' It was set up to handle emerging economies, not submerging, old European economies. As for the European Stability Fund, that's about \$400 billion, and it's pretty much spoken for. So I don't know where this money is going to come from. Meanwhile, within the banking system there is a more immediate problem, and that's where the \$2 trillion (figure) comes from. The \$2 trillion includes the money that's needed, within the European banking system, to cover the fact that they have borrowed huge amounts of money, in dollars, under currency swap arrangements. CLIP

Breaking: Major Nuclear Base Running 'Containment Exercise' Amid Censored Radiation Spikes (June 9, 2012)
<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31332>
Amid a number of reports of massive and bizarre radiation readouts coming from experts, eyewitnesses, radiation facilities, and a key choice news outlet, it has now come out that one of the largest nuclear bases is currently running a 'nuclear containment exercise'. The Minot Airforce Base exercise, running in North Dakota, reportedly involves the use of B-52 aircrafts. The news comes after a developing story arose over the potential cover-up of a nuclear situation stemming from near the border of Indiana and Michigan. Sources from near where the elevated levels of radiation were observed say that a Department of Homeland Security 'hazmat' fleet has been dispatched after 'years' of inactivity. The story first erupted after online geiger readings showed an unprecedented radiation spike in the area, with levels reaching as high as 7.139 counts per minute (CPM) over the average of between 5 and 6. While there has been no official reported cause of the spike, there has been quite a bit of foul play

regarding the information being put forth by many media outlets, the EPA, and even radiation measurement centers. After the readings shocked viewers, the EPA quickly censored the ability to view the levels online. Thankfully, the readings were captured in a screenshot, which show the elevated levels far exceeding normal limits. Measurements were recorded by a number of sources, though the growing publicity over the event has caused denial and censorship from not only the EPA but private organizations as well. The Radiation Network originally released an image showing an outburst in radiation levels stemming from the location, but later issued a special message on their home page stating that the readings were the result of an 'error'. This, of course, is virtually impossible as the readings were confirmed by two entirely different locations. BlackCat and the Radiation Network both recorded the levels, meaning that the likelihood both of their systems failed at the exact same time and produced the exact same result would be dismal. CLIP

Keystone XL not 'make or break' climate issue: Obama (May. 03, 2012)
NOTE THIS TITLE IS DEEPLY MISLEADING AS THIS IS NOT WHAT OBAMA SAID.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/top-business-stories/keystone-xl-not-make-or-break-climate-issue-obama/article2413924/>

Obama on energy - President Barack Obama isn't saying where he stands on the controversial Keystone XL pipeline at this point, but he does stress that Canada's going to push ahead on the oil sands no matter what the United States does. In an interview in the May 10 edition of Rolling Stone, the president was asked about the comments of a NASA scientist, James Hansen, that the pipeline would spell trouble for the environment. As in, it would be "game over." "James Hansen is a scientist who has done an enormous amount not only to understand climate change, but also to help publicize the issue," the president said in the interview with the magazine's co-founder, Jann Wenner. "I have the utmost respect for scientists. But it's important to understand that Canada is going to be moving forward with tar sands, regardless of what we do. That's their national policy, they're pursuing it. With respect to Keystone, my goal has been to have an honest process, and I have adamantly objected to Congress trying to circumvent a process that was well-established not just under Democratic administrations, but also under Republican administrations." The Obama administration rejected the original Keystone XL proposal, forcing TransCanada Corp. (TRP-T42.19-0.64-1.49%) to reroute the pipeline

around an environmentally sensitive region in Nebraska and apply to the government again. "The reason that Keystone got so much attention is not because that particular pipeline is a make-or-break issue for climate change, but because those who have looked at the science of climate change are scared and concerned about a general lack of sufficient movement to deal with the problem," the president said in the interview. "Frankly, I'm deeply concerned that internationally, we have not made as much progress as we need to make," he said, though he heralded the administration's action in areas such as auto fuel standards. He noted, too, that the priority for many people over the past several years has been finding a job, paying bills and juggling high gasoline prices. "In that environment, it's been easy for the other side to pour millions of dollars into a campaign to debunk climate-change science. I suspect that over the next six months, this is going to be a debate that will become part of the campaign, and I will be very clear in voicing my belief that we're going to have to take further steps to deal with climate change in a serious way."

<<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/ready-for-the-fight-rolling-stone-interview-with-barack-obama-20120425>>Read the Obama interview in Rolling Stone

Modern wheat a "perfect, chronic poison," doctor says (September 3, 2012)

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505269_162-57505149/modern-wheat-a-perfect-chronic-poison-doctor-says

Modern wheat is a "perfect, chronic poison," according to Dr. William Davis, a cardiologist who has published a book, *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health*] all about the world's most popular grain. Davis said that the wheat we eat these days isn't the wheat your grandma had: "It's an 18-inch tall plant created by genetic research in the '60s and '70s," he said. "This thing has many new features nobody told you about, such as there's a new protein in this thing called gliadin. It's not gluten. I'm not addressing people with gluten sensitivities and celiac disease. I'm talking about everybody else because everybody else is susceptible to the gliadin protein that is an opiate. This thing binds into the opiate receptors in your brain and in most people stimulates appetite, such that we consume 440 more calories per day, 365 days per year." Davis said a movement has begun with people turning away from wheat - and dropping substantial weight. "We're seeing hundreds of thousands of people losing 30, 80, 150 pounds. Diabetics become no longer diabetic; people with arthritis having dramatic relief.

People losing leg swelling, acid reflux, irritable bowel syndrome, depression, and on and on every day." To avoid these wheat-oriented products, Davis suggests eating "real food," such as avocados, olives, olive oil, meats, and vegetables. "(It's) the stuff that is least likely to have been changed by agribusiness," he said. "Certainly not grains. When I say grains, of course, over 90 percent of all grains we eat will be wheat."

Research: Gulf Shrimp Widely Contaminated With Carcinogens (June 25, 2012)

<http://www.activistpost.com/2012/06/research-gulf-shrimp-widely.html>
Conservative estimates indicate that the 2010 BP oil disaster released over 200 million gallons of oil into the Gulf, followed by at least 1.8 million gallons of dispersants. While the use of dispersants helped mitigate the public relations disaster by preventing the persistent formation of surface oil, as well as keeping many beaches visibly untouched, they also drove the oil deeper into the water column (and food chain) rendering a 2-dimensional problem (surface oil) into a 3-dimensional one. Additionally, research indicates that dispersants prevent the biodegradation of toxic oil components, as well as increasing dispersant absorption into fish from between 6 to 1100 fold higher levels. Since the event, both the mainstream media and the government have acted as if the oil disappeared, and that no significant health risks remain for the millions still consuming contaminated seafood from the Gulf.* Now, a new study published in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives has revealed that the 2010 BP Gulf oil disaster resulted in widespread contamination of Gulf Coast seafood with toxic components from crude oil.¹ In fact, levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in shrimp were found to exceed the FDA's established thresholds for allowable levels [levels of concern (LOCs)] for pregnant women in up to 53% of Gulf shrimp sampled. PAHs are well-known carcinogens and developmental toxicants, which is why the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is obligated to set risk criteria and thresholds for allowable levels of exposure to them.**

(...) Taken together, these findings demonstrate that the FDA's conclusion that there are no significant risks to Gulf populations from oil spill-related contaminants in seafood are incorrect, and reckless when it comes to the health of the most vulnerable populations. With reports now surfacing in mainstream media outlets on the appearance of eyeless shrimp and mutant fish, this latest finding probably only scratches the surface of a health problem in the Gulf titanic in proportions.

*Sixty percent of domestic shrimp and 70% of domestic oysters are

sourced from the Gulf.

Hundreds of Miles of Wind Farms, Networked Under the Sea
(04.28.2011)

<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2011-04/ambitious-east-coast-wind-farm-could-produce-cheap-electricity-grand-scale?single-page-view=true>

During the last ice age, glaciers a mile high pushed several dozen cubic miles of rock, sand and debris into the ocean off North America's mid-Atlantic coast, creating a broad shelf that extends up to 40 miles offshore. This long, flat stretch of seabed and the shallow, windy waters that cover it make the ideal spot for dozens of offshore wind farms-and if all goes well, the network that would link those turbines together and back to the coast will soon be in place. Offshore wind power has significant advantages over the onshore variety. Uninterrupted by changes in terrain, the wind at sea blows steadier and stronger. Installing turbines far enough from shore that they're invisible except on the very clearest days lessens the possibility of not-in-my-backyard resistance. The challenge is getting the electricity back to land, to the people who will use it.

The Atlantic Wind Connection could provide an entirely new model for connecting seaborne energy with land users. The Maryland-based transmission-line company Trans-Elect proposes to do just that with a \$5-billion undersea power grid that would stretch some 350 miles from northern New Jersey to southern Virginia. The Atlantic Wind Connection (AWC) would provide multiple transmission hubs for future wind farms, making the waters off the mid-Atlantic coast an attractive and economical place for developers to set up turbines. The AWC's lines could transmit as much as six gigawatts of low-carbon power from turbines back to the coast-the equivalent capacity of 10 average coal-fired power plants. So far, the project has attracted backing from Google, the clean-energy investment firm Good Energies, and the Japanese trading company Marubeni. Trans-Elect says it plans to begin construction on phase I-a \$1.8 billion, 150-mile span from Delaware Bay to Atlantic City-in 2013, and that section could be operational by 2016.

(...) But the AWC's greatest advantage would be its sheer scale. It would tie together wind farms distributed over hundreds of miles of coastline, and because the wind will usually be blowing somewhere, its breadth would compensate for the unpredictability of wind at any individual site.

Together, the steadier flow of power, combined with the money that wind-farm developers will save by feeding electricity into an existing network, could make wind power cheaper than electricity generated by natural gas or, in some cases, even coal. Obviously, there is a long way to go. Multiple regulatory authorities will have to sign off before the AWC becomes reality. But the large-scale, holistic approach to offshore wind power that it represents is already echoed by at least two undersea power-transmission proposals being considered in Europe. And if the AWC succeeds in delivering predictable, low-cost, low-carbon power to the mid-Atlantic, expect the number of imitative projects to grow.

Not enough hours in the day? Scientists predict time will stop completely (18 June 2012)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/science-news/9337990/Not-enough-hours-in-the-day-Scientists-predict-time-will-stop-completely.html>
Time might feel like it is running away from us as the pace of life increases but according to scientists, the future will stop completely. -- The theory of time running out was devised by researchers from two Spanish universities trying to explain why the universe appeared to be spreading continuously and accelerating. Observations of supernovae, or exploding stars, found the movement of light indicated they were moving faster than those nearer to the centre of the universe. But the scientists claimed the accepted theory of an opposite force to gravity, known as dark energy, was wrong, and said the reality was that the growth of the universe was slowing. Professor Jose Senovilla, Marc Mars and Raul Vera from the University of the Basque Country and the University of Salamanca said the deceleration of time was so gradual, it was imperceptible to humans. Their proposal, published in the journal Physical Review D, claimed dark energy does not exist and that time was winding down to the point when it would finally grind to a halt long after the planet ceased to exist. The slowing down of time will eventually mean everything will appear to take place faster and faster until it eventually disappears. Professor Senovilla told the New Scientist: "Then everything will be frozen, like a snapshot of one instant, for ever." Gary Gibbons, a cosmologist at the University of Cambridge, told the news website RT that the idea was not as absurd as it sounded. "We believe that time emerged during the Big Bang and if time can emerge, may disappear as well as the opposite effect," he said.

China sends its first female astronaut into space (16 June 2012)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/space/9335643/China-sends-its->

first-female-astronaut-into-space.html

China has launched its first female astronaut into space in a mission to dock with the country's orbiting space laboratory. -- Liu Yang, a female pilot, is amongst the three member crew of the Shenzhou 9 mission, the latest step in China's increasingly ambitious space programme. The 33-year-old major in the People's Liberation Army (PLA), earned her place in Chinese history shortly after 6.30pm on Saturday local time, when she and two other taikonauts, the Chinese word for astronauts, blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China aboard a Long March rocket. Their ten day mission will see the crew carry out the first manned docking with the Tiangong-1 space lab, a vital step in China's goal to have a working space station by 2020. But it is the presence of Major Liu on the mission that dominated the build-up to the launch. Formally introduced to the Chinese people at a televised press conference on Friday, Major Liu has become a national heroine. She is the 56th woman to have made the journey into space. CLIP

Is the Earth a Sentient Living Organism? New Study May Provide the Proof (May 16, 2012)

http://www.dailygalaxy.com/my_weblog/2012/05/is-the-earth-a-sentient-living-organism-new-study-may-provide-the-proof.html

Is the Earth a giant living organism as the Gaia hypothesis predicts? A new discovery made at the University of Maryland may provide a key to answering this question. This key of sulfur could allow scientists to unlock heretofore hidden interactions between ocean organisms, atmosphere, and land -- interactions that might provide evidence supporting this famous theory. The Gaia hypothesis -- first articulated by James Lovelock and Lynn Margulis in the 1970s -- holds that Earth's physical and biological processes are inextricably connected to form a self-regulating, essentially sentient, system. One of the early predictions of this hypothesis was that there should be a sulfur compound made by organisms in the oceans that was stable enough against oxidation in water to allow its transfer to the air. Either the sulfur compound itself, or its atmospheric oxidation product, would have to return sulfur from the sea to the land surfaces. The most likely candidate for this role was deemed to be dimethyl sulfide. Newly published work done at the University of Maryland by first author Harry Oduro, together with UMD geochemist James Farquhar and marine biologist Kathryn Van Alstyne of Western Washington University, provides a tool for tracing and measuring the movement of sulfur through ocean organisms, the atmosphere and the land in ways that may help

prove or disprove the controversial Gaia theory.

(...) "Harry's work establishes that we should expect to see variability in the sulfur isotope signatures of these compounds in the oceans under different environmental conditions and for different organisms. I think this will ultimately be very important for using isotopes to trace the cycling of these compounds in the surface oceans as well as the flux of dimethylsulfide to the atmosphere. The ability to do this could help us answer important climate questions, and ultimately better predict climate changes. And it may even help us to better trace connections between dimethylsulfide emissions and sulfate aerosols, ultimately testing a coupling in the Gaia hypothesis," Farquhar says. CLIP

Study Accidentally Finds Chemotherapy Makes Cancer Far Worse

(August 6, 2012)

<http://www.emfacts.com/2012/08/study-finds-chemotherapy-makes-cancer-far-worse/>

A team of researchers looking into why cancer cells are so resilient accidentally stumbled upon a far more important discovery. While conducting their research, the team discovered that chemotherapy actually heavily damages healthy cells and subsequently triggers them to release a protein that sustains and fuels tumor growth. Beyond that, it even makes the tumor highly resistant to future treatment. Reporting their findings in the journal Nature Medicine, the scientists report that the findings were 'completely unexpected'. Finding evidence of significant DNA damage when examining the effects of chemotherapy on tissue derived from men with prostate cancer, the writings are a big slap in the face to mainstream medical organizations who have been pushing chemotherapy as the only option to cancer patients for years. The news comes after it was previously ousted by similarly-breaking research that expensive cancer drugs not only fail to treat tumors, but actually make them far worse. The cancer drugs were found to make tumors 'metasize' and grow massively in size after consumption. As a result, the drugs killed the patients more quickly. Known as WNT16B, scientists who performed the research say that this protein created from chemo treatment boosts cancer cell survival and is the reason that chemotherapy actually ends lives more quickly. CLIP

Hacking expert David Chalk says 100 percent certainty of catastrophic failure of smart energy grid within three years (May 03, 2012)

http://www.naturalnews.com/035755_power_grid_failure_blackouts.htm

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(NaturalNews) For at least the past five years, the federal government has been pushing utility companies across America to "upgrade" their infrastructures to support "smart grid" technology that allows two-way communication with, and centralized control of, the energy grid through an internet-based network. But cyber expert David Chalk says that a complete and catastrophic failure of the entire smart energy grid is definitely going to occur within the next three years, and that few are aware of this.

(...) according to Chalk and many other experts in the field, smart grid technology is highly vulnerable to cyber attacks, and the technology is so digitally centralized that hackers are sure to "crack the code," so to speak, and eventually bring down the system. "We're in a state of crisis," says Chalk. "The front door is open and there is no lock to be had. There is not a power meter or device on the grid that is protected from hacking -- if not already infected -- with some sort of trojan horse that can cause the grid to be shut down or completely annihilated." Smart grid technology is also vulnerable to failure from solar storms and digital warfare, both of which could quickly take down the entire system in an instant, leaving millions, and potentially billions, of people in the dark without power. Smart grid technology also comes with its own unique health and privacy risks that are being ignored by its proponents as well. "Unless we wake up and realize what we're doing, there is 100 percent certainty of total catastrophic failure of the entire power infrastructure within three years," adds Chalk. "This could actually be worse than a nuclear war, because it would happen everywhere. How governments and utilities are blindly merging the power grid with the Internet, and effectively without any protection, is insanity at its finest." You can watch a full interview with David Chalk about smart grid technology at: <http://thepowerfilm.org/>

Where's the Evidence Proving TSA's Backscatter Scanners are Safe?

(August 29 2012)

http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2012/08/29/airport-body-scanner.aspx?e_cid=20120829_DNL_artNew_1

VERY INFORMATIVE!

Pregnant women should not use "laptops"!!

http://www.bcna.ca/files_3/documents/LaptopsandEMFs.pdf

A study (Bellieni CV et al, Arch Environ Occup Health, 2012) has found that the power supply of a laptop used by a pregnant woman close to her body creates electric current densities in the fetus 182% to 263% higher

than ICNIRP 6-minute heating limits, and 71% to 483% higher for the mother. The magnetic values of 1-8-6.0 microTesla are also very high, and considerably above the TCO and MPR II limits, the best known industry standards.

NEW Urgent Warning to All Cell Phone Users (16 juin 2012) 2 vidéos
http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2012/06/16/emf-safety-tips.aspx?e_cid=20120616_DNL_art_1

If you think the jury's still out on whether cell phones can be dangerous to your health, then you might want to take the time to listen to this video. Dr. Devra Davis, author of the book, "The Secret History of the War on Cancer," has been researching the safety hazards of radiation emanating from your cell phone.

Like many people, Dr. Davis just didn't believe the possibility of cell phones being dangerous until she studied it. And now, with the toxicological and epidemiological evidence to back up her claims, she's trying to get the word out that cell phone radiation is not only dangerous, but can be downright lethal. In her lecture, Dr. Davis explains how the biological impact of your cell phone is not related to its power, which is quite weak, but rather to the erratic nature of its signal and its ability to disrupt resonance and interfere with DNA repair. This is now believed to be the most plausible theory for understanding the wide array of health impacts discovered, which includes cancer...

Can Your Cell Phone Cause Cancer?

One interesting case that can serve as an illustrative warning of the cancer-causing potential of cell phones is that of a young woman with no other predisposing risk factors for cancer who came down with multi-focal breast cancer. The case was revealed in the May issue of the Environmental Health Trust's newsletter. As it turns out, the young lady had the curious habit of tucking her cell phone into her bra... Two cancer specialists, Robert Nagourney and John West, concluded there was only one other possibility that might have directly contributed to her breast cancer. "We connected the dots," the patient said. And the dots – quite literally the pattern of the cancer, and distribution of the cancerous cells – lined up perfectly with the shape of her cell phone.

Cell Phone Radiation & Breast Cancer

While her doctor can't prove the cell phone caused her cancer, it should serve as a potent warning not only to other women who might tuck their phones in their bras, but also to those of you who keep your phones in your pants pocket or shirt pocket as well. As a general rule, you'll want to

avoid carrying your phone anywhere on your body. Keep in mind that the most dangerous place to be, in terms of radiation exposure, is within about six inches of the emitting antenna. You do not want any part of your body within that proximity. CLIP

Regular mobile phone use linked to tinnitus: research (20 Jul 2010)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/7898406/Regular-mobile-phone-use-linked-to-tinnitus-research.html>

Regular use of a mobile phone for more than four years almost doubles the chance of developing tinnitus – the debilitating condition that causes constant ringing or buzzing in the ears. -- A study has found that people who used their mobile phone for an average of ten minutes a day were more than 70 per cent more likely to have tinnitus. But those who used their phones on both ears, and those who had used a mobile for four years or more were twice as likely to have tinnitus. The findings are published in the journal Occupational and Environmental Medicine and may help to explain why the number of people reporting tinnitus is increasing. It is thought the microwave energy produced by the phones might be the cause of the problem. Dr Hans-Peter Hutter, Institute of Environmental Health, at University of Vienna, in Austria compared 100 people with tinnitus to 100 similar people without the condition. He said that although they relied on people reporting their own mobile phone use and could not be sure if this was accurate, the results were 'unlikely to be spurious'. Tinnitus affects around five million people in Britain and is considered a debilitating condition as sufferers may constantly hear a rushing, roaring or high pitched tone in one or both ears most of the time. The most common cause is damage to the hearing through trauma or exposure to loud noise, however some mental or physical changes can trigger it such as depression, redundancy and illness. Dr Hutter added: "Tinnitus strongly interferes with the daily lives of people. There are very few interventions available that effectively reduce tinnitus loudness and annoyance. Therefore, all measures should be taken to avoid any further increase in tinnitus prevalence." Our results indicate that high intensity and long duration of mobile phone use might be associated with tinnitus. This possibility should be explored further by assessing mobile phone usage history in studies of tinnitus aetiology (cause) in the future."

FCC considers whether to study cellphone radiation (June 15, 2012)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/fcc-considers-whether-to-study-cellphone->

radiation/2012/06/15/gJQA6XzpfV_story.html

The Federal Communications Commission is seeking to study whether it needs better guidelines to protect people from cellphone radiation, a question it hasn't posed in 15 years. During that period, mobile devices have become ubiquitous and far more powerful. Today, there are more cellphones than people in the United States. But there has been no definitive study on whether the explosive growth is bad for our health. (...) In May 2011, a panel of health experts organized by the World Health Organization concluded that the devices are "possibly carcinogenic." The WHO panel said particular concern is the use of cellphones by children, who spend more time than ever with the devices pressed against their ears or in their pockets. Their skulls are thinner than those of adults and absorb radio frequencies at higher rates. A separate February 2011 study by researchers at the National Institutes of Health found that 50 minutes of cellphone use altered activity in the part of the brain closest to where the device antennas were located. "This review is long overdue and it is impossible to imagine how the FCC will be able to retain its current standards which allow 20 times more radiation to reach the head than the body as a whole [and] do not account for risks to children's developing brains and smaller bodies," said Renee Sharp, a senior scientist for the Environmental Working Group. The FCC's proposed inquiry specifically addresses health considerations for children. The wireless industry said it welcomes an initial inquiry of radiation limits, saying it is confident that the FCC will find no changes need to be made. The cellphone industry, which garners about \$170 billion a year in revenue, has been fiercely protective of its reputation. CLIP

AMONG THE 52 COMMENTS (so far) TO THIS ARTICLE...

Lab Rat wrote (6/16/2012)

The cell phone industry is following Big Tobacco's playbook - instilling doubt about the science which has been showing a possible correlation with malignant brain tumors on the same side of the head as cell phone use, auditory nerve and salivary gland tumors, as well as damage to men's fertility. These studies concerned the International Agency for Research on Cancer enough to cause the World Health Organization to issue a worldwide announcement that cell phone radiation may cause cancer. Yet, you would trust the industry's assurances that cell phones are safe? By the way, the multi-billion dollar cell phone industry spends millions

lobbying federal regulatory officials at the FCC and FDA and making enormous campaign contributions to key federal legislators who sit on committees that oversee the FCC and FDA. We surely don't want to waste any taxpayer money on ensuring that the powerful radio transmitters we hold against our heads and bodies all day are safe as promised by the industry. If, in 10 years, it turns out that the studies showing a correlation with brain tumors were correct all along....no worries for the cell phone industry. They've been hiding warnings in the fine print of every user manual for years - they will have no liability for all the pending lawsuits against them. The executives will have made their billions in profit, and we, the taxpayers, will pick up the resulting health care costs for treating millions of brain cancer victims.

ElectroSmogPrevention wrote (6/16/2012)

The FCC is not a health agency. Therefore its engineers and staff should NOT BE ALLOWED to determine safety guidelines. They have based their past guidelines on industry-bias, which has led to a proliferation of dangerous RF devices, for which we will all pay dearly, with our lives and health. Congress must return oversight of non-ionizing radiation to the US EPA. It was taken away from US EPA in a political move in 1996 when EPA started saying that RF radiation might be hazardous and they wanted to study it further. The telecom companies would have "none of that" and so Congress whisked it away into the uncaring hands of FCC, as part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which does not allow municipalities to reject cell towers based on health or environmental safety. The upshot of this deadly game is that all Americans are now besieged with non-ionizing (RF) radiation that independent scientists have shown is dangerous. Cell phones pasted to heads, smart meters forced on all our homes and businesses, cell towers springing up like poisonous mushrooms on school and even church grounds. All due to the FCC's rigging of the truth, not caring a whit about our health, ignoring all independent research and warnings. Even in Europe the WHO and Parliament of the European Union have issued warnings about RF radiation, that governments should seek to reduce citizens' exposure. But not here. Why does the FCC have RF radiation guidelines that are 1,000 times higher than those of other countries? Can you spell M-O-N-E-Y ...C-O-R-R-U-P-T-I-O-N? And guess what? Both the Dems and Republicans are in support of smart meters, with utility and telecom companies bathing us in radiation. Especially the Obama administration, which must be getting really STUPID

advice to think that funding a wireless RF-emitting smart grid and smart meters is a good idea. <http://www.electrosmogprevention.org>

And Magda Havas wrote separately about this article:

The last line is "However, no studies have yet produced evidence that it can cause cancer." Really? What about the following evidence:

We have evidence that cell phone use is associated with cancer (even in the flawed INTERPHONE study).

We have evidence that microwave radiation causes DNA breaks in rat brains and in sperm.

We have evidence that 2.4 GHz (used in some cordless phones and Wi-Fi) causes primary tumours in rats (U.S. Air Force Study 1992)

We have evidence that this radiation increases the permeability of the blood-brain barrier, enabling potentially toxic chemicals to enter the brain.

We have evidence that it is associated with an increase in the enzyme ornithine decarboxylase that is linked to cancer.

We have evidence that it increases free radicals that can cause cancer.

We have evidence that it increases stress proteins and compromises the immune system.

Indeed, we have epidemiological studies, in vivo studies, and in vitro studies (the three key types of scientific evidence) that microwave radiation below FCC guidelines is associated with AND causes cancer and that the mechanisms involve some combination of free radical production, increased membrane permeability, DNA fragmentation and a compromised immune system. We also have evidence that some reporters do not read the science and make statements that are scientifically incorrect.

Are Bluetooth devices really safer than using a cell phone? (August 10, 2012)

<http://www.emfacts.com/2012/08/are-bluetooth-devices-really-safer-than-using-a-cell-phone/>

People should realize that Bluetooth devices that fit in or around the ear typically radiate at 0.23 watts per kilogram (W/Kg). Go into any AT&T wireless store and ask for the SAR on Bluetooth devices. Or check any SAR values website that shows cell phone SAR levels, and you'll find the Bluetooth devices are actually worse than some of the low-SAR cell

phones. This level of 0.23 W/Kg is ten to 100 times higher than the RF exposure levels shown to make the blood-brain barrier pathologically leaky, allowing toxins and toxic molecules to cross the BBB. This is reported by Salford, Persson, Nittby and Schirmacher among others – to cause neuron death at 0.012 to 0.002 W/Kg. Multiple studies have reported that as short as a single, two-hour exposure to cell phone radiation will result in pathological leakage of the blood-brain barrier. The effect occurs immediately, and is still seen at 14 days and at 50 days post-exposure at only 0.012 W/Kg to 0.002 W/Kg. The lowest exposure SARs are worse than the higher SAR exposures (Nittby et al, 2009). These studies show neuron death (brain cells) at SARs of only 0.012 W/Kg. Bluetooth devices are worn for hours at a time, in some cases – all day long. So, it is reasonable to conclude that a device which radiates at a higher intensity than some cell phones that are still risky in terms of SAR, worn for more hours than a cell phone is typically used – would not be a good idea to promote.

Smart Meters: Correcting the Gross Misinformation

<http://maisonsaine.ca/smart-meters-correcting-the-gross-misinformation/>
Quebec-based magazine La Maison du 21e siecle asked physician David O. Carpenter, former founding dean of the University at Albany (NY)'s School of Public Health, to comment on a letter published in the Montreal daily Le Devoir last May 24. This letter claimed wireless smart meters pose no risk to public health. Several international experts contributed to the following rebuttal. CLIP - THIS IS A PRETTY IMPORTANT REBUTAL FOR FALSE DISINFORMATION CLAIMS. IT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY 40 INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS.

A CONSTANT NON STOP LOW FREQUENCY HUM HEARD IN MY HOME

<http://sandaura.wordpress.com/2011/03/23/a-constant-non-stop-low-frequency-hum-heard-in-my-home/>

We are setting up this blog for victims who are hearing a constant noise in their homes. After reading several blogs related to this particular noise(s), we found that people, in general, are seeking answers as to what is happening to them. One blog was consistent with the descriptors of what we have been describing to the State of Massachusetts. We have confirmed it is a microwave pulsation accompanied by "pure tones", illegal in our State of Massachusetts. The Regulations were adopted from the EPA who studied pure tone noise and determined it to be a noxious air

pollutant, thus being a human health hazard. Whether proven to be a pure tone or not; it is a nuisance and it is trespassing on and in to your home and the source is the utilities who are leaking carcinogenic microwave frequencies they are injecting through powerlines for the Smart Grid communication layer of the global network. The powerlines were designed to transmit electricity. They are using broadband, dsl, Wi-Fi, wired, unwired, Sat, cell; whatever they choose to use because they have many options on how to operate the Smart Grid Network. The noise is a by-product of the Radio Frequency interference, radiation and dirty power riding on the wires and leaking in to your home, schools and workplaces. The descriptions that are consistently repeated by victims across the country as well as the world are: 1. Constant noise 2. Humming 3. Buzzing 4. Oscillating pulse 5. Thudding thumping rumbling resonance 6. Sounds like a motor idling outside my house 7. can hear it during power outage 8. disturbs sleep 9. unnerving 10. checked all mechanical functions in the home 11. called the utilities; they did nothing 12. Can hear it outside 13. Can hear it sitting with the car turned off. 14. Started hearing it around 2006 to present 15. pressure in the ears and head 16. Not tinnitus 17. Have to sleep with a fan, music, tv to mask the noise; even though I have to listen to another noise than that insidious noise. 18. I can not relax listening to it. 19. Some people hear it some don't 20. I am afraid to talk about it because people will think I am crazy 21. I have never had trouble sleeping before this noise started 22. Some mention power lines, microwave transmitters, cell towers, gas lines, water lines as a theory. 23. Siren 24. high pitch frequency 25. Pressure in the ears This is to name a few of the descriptors of hearing the Noise. The Symptoms of the ill effects of being exposed to this noise and radiation pollution are as follows, but not limited to: Headaches, heart palpitations, insomnia, nose bleeds, muscle aches, nervous tension, irritability, anger, feeling not in control of your environment, alienated and not understood, loss of concentration, tired, feeling your body is buzzing, hissing in the ears from the very high radio frequencies in the Microwave spectrum; travelling through the air.

(...) We have forensic audio evidence that this is in our environment and ubiquitous throughout our community. We have identified the noise in several other towns and cities where we have lived and travelled. We live in a community that does not have cell towers, public sewer, gas lines, industry, major highways. The only thing we have is Broadband high speed internet and Wi-Fi. We did not hear this noise until this was rolled out in our town and same follows in the other places we hear the

noise. We have a fingerprint of this noise as a result of retaining a Forensic Audio engineer. He has confirmed by analyzing recordings of several locations in our town, as well as a recording during a power outage. The results are identical audio fingerprint. It shows a constant noise in the 250Hz narrowband, it is a modulating pulse bursting every second with 1/8 second micro bursts.

(...) If you are a victim of this noise please contact us by emailing the globalrfrdefenseteam@verizon.net. The only way we will be able to get attention on this issue, is by proving the pollution is wide spread, which it is. We are looking for victims to post their location and experience of hearing this noise and include when you started hearing it. We are also interested in collecting data in your area. PLEASE, we are only interested personal experiences and nothing that predated Wireless high speed broadband and Wi-Fi rollout. Please visit our videos on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mLtygxIaFs>

"I have no doubt in my mind that at the present time, the greatest polluting element in the earth's environment is the proliferation of electromagnetic fields. I consider that to be far greater on a global scale, than warming, and the increase in chemical elements in the environment."

- Dr Robert O. Becker, M.D. twice nominated for Nobel Prize of this research.

"I live in Warwick NY. I cant deal with this hum anymore. I lost my job because of it. doctors think I'm nuts. please help.... please help. I can't stand it anymore."

"Noise in FL my name is Georgann. I have heard the buzz for a few years. It is screaming in my area. My oldest grandson who lives with me also hears it. my husband is taking medication because of it my daughter hears it even louder upstairs in our home. I cant imagine it getting any louder without screaming; surely everyone hears it. I feel overwhelmed drained of all energy and thought my muscles are all tight and twisted please help me. I dream of moving to the West Indies to get away from it at night when Sam's Club puts on their parking lot lights it is very loud in the parking lot When i leave the parking lot the buzz is still there just not as loud here is nowhere I can go to get true quiet. The only place i did hear true quiet was in montserrat, which is an island in the West Indies a few

years ago, I had so much energy; that was 7 years ago. About 5 years ago I heard the quiet in Costa Rico and I cried. I felt all my muscles relax. I have many other physical symptoms from it. I call it the radiation buzz. I realized it several years ago when i was in our home on the beach in Belair Beach Florida for several miles the power went out i saw from my terrace and the buzz was gone this was about 4 years ago. The buzz was gone and it felt like paradise. I feel it is aging me and making me stiff, weak and tired. Are there any support groups in my area?"

Check also Sandaura's Blog - The Hum Heard Around the World is Explained and We are All Being Lied To
<http://sandaura.wordpress.com/>

Dr. Barrie Trower - 30 Minute Reality Update
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdB-tbzJSrk>
ICA ACT was given an exclusive interview with Dr. Barrie Trower, a true British gentlemen and hero, who has spent many years fighting for humanity. After the meeting our respect and admiration for him rose to new heights. During the two days of interview, we touched on many different topics, but the main theme was the abuse of microwaves as a secret and covert stealth weapon, that has been around for at least 50-60 years. This type of weapon has taken many different forms over the years and it is still used in many different types of targeting, even to the point of death around the world. We started the Interview with basic knowledge about microwaves and how they influence the human body and mind. From there we went on to cover Dr. Barrie Trower's long career, and finally we went into they abuse of microwave weapons and what can be done to protect against them. The Interview was filmed on May the 1st and 2nd, 2012.

Smart Meters & EMR: The Health Crisis Of Our Time - Dr. Dietrich Klinghardt http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_wxM6IAF1I
One of the many revelations in this video interview: "Based upon a study of 10 autistic cases and 10 normal cases, the pregnant mothers who gave birth to autistic children slept in a location in which microwave radiation was 20.7x HIGHER, on average, than pregnant mothers who gave birth to non-autistic children." This information truly needs to get out to mainstream. And, thank goodness, it is. Dr. Klinghardt is a teacher of doctors internationally, through
<<http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=18317138&msgid=248746&act>

=JC0V&c=1068541&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.klinghardtacademy.com>Klinghardt Academy and the Sophia Institute, which he founded. He is a master of bridging traditional & complementary medicine, together with a high level of awareness and compassion. I was beyond impressed by how he flowed this entire interview in pretty much one take. I understand why Dr. Klinghardt is so highly regarded by so many true physicians, and is deeply revered by health advocates such as <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=18317138&msgid=248746&act=JC0V&c=1068541&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fproducts.mercola.com%2Fklinghardt-dvd%2F>Dr. Joseph Mercola. Here's some early comments I've received so far, on this new video:

"Excellent film segment... Dr. Klinghardt is one of the most knowledgeable MDs in the US on the biological effects of electromagnetic fields. Please, everyone, consider supporting Josh in finishing this film by contributing to his kickstarter campaign!"

- Camilla Rees, Founder,

<http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=18317138&msgid=248746&act=JC0V&c=1068541&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.electromagnetichealth.org>www.electromagnetichealth.org

"The Klinghardt video is a game changer - fantastic work mate you should be really proud of yourself."

- Mike Mitcham, Director,

<http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=18317138&msgid=248746&act=JC0V&c=1068541&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.stopsmartmeters.org.uk>www.stopsmartmeters.org.uk

Death, Lies and Mutations, What the Military Kept From the Public on Microwave Radiation Part 1 and 2

<http://bcfreedom.wordpress.com/2012/10/15/death-lies-and-mutations-what-the-military-kept-from-the-public-on-microwave-radiation-part-2/>http://bcfreedom.wordpress.com/2012/10/15/death-lies-and-mutations-what-the-military-kept-from-the-public-on-microwave-radiation-part-2/

(...) For those of you who decided to read to this far, I apologize. I may have put you in a very inconvenient dilemma. I gave you knowledge, irrefutable knowledge. Knowledge that you are now responsible for. No more plausible denial, "controversy," allowance/excuse to continue to hurt yourself and others (and pay somebody for the right to do it). I may have put you in an awkward position, forcing you to choose life over pain and

death. Asking you to support the health of children, pregnant women and the unborn over having not waiting 10 minutes to get home to use a landline with a corded phone.

Perhaps now, you will consider that you might be paying someone \$1200 +/- a year to poison yourself and others, while at the same time talking about 'eating healthy', 'consciousness', 'saving the planet' and the like; or maybe that's not you at all. Still, you have to question whether you ACTUALLY care about yourself and others. This caring, this awake, this conscious starts with life itself, and no life or living can be attained in pain and suffering. That is mere existence; an animal state, primal and controllable. For the perpetrators of this crime, it couldn't be more clever. This is a DIRECT RESULT of the choice you make to use these devices. This is a direct result of giving these Telecoms money to hurt you while profiting on the back end with shares in Pharma. This is a direct result of being passive, while allowing government to deny health consequences; while simultaneously subsidizing these very companies through health care expenses, grid roll outs, wi-fi in schools, etc.

I apologize for putting you in a position of choice, of action, choosing life over death, light over dark, health over sickness, keeping money for beneficial things vs things that cause pain throughout existence.

I hope what you have learned can bridge the time gap for you. That gap is witnessed all too often in humanity where we only decide to act AFTER tragedy, some sickness, loss of life... a shock. Why wait? How much more needs to happen? How much more do we have to give these guys? How much more do you have to hurt yourself when there are safe alternatives that are cheaper? How long will we radiate our kids in school when we can simply hardwire their computers? How many more cell towers (for you to have reception) will be built on hospital roofs, near daycares, nursing homes? How long will watch our ever-depleting health care (slow death with maximum profit extraction) resources be sucked up for profits, while causing society loss? How many more kids need to be born with birth defects, learning disorders, diseases?

How much more can you need to know to make the right choice?

If you can't choose now, when?
What other choice is there to make?

Can you choose life?
Do you?

The answer to these questions is only found in action, the sooner the better for you and life itself.

Smart Meters/Cell Phones/Microwave Radiation Health Part 1 (13 min)
EYE-OPENING STUFF!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPbcGK0OeSo>

Plain English about Smart Meters, backed by military documents, showing effects of the meters on humans, animals. Brief primer on 'how' etc. How a meter works, what microwaves are and do, and what we can expect these programs will do. Check out <http://www.bc-freedom.com> for more info

Smart Grid Risks - Tom Wilson

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPoLvTNRxhs>

Electrical engineer and electro-magnetic pollution consultant Tom Wilson of <<http://GreenAndHealthyHomes.net>>GreenAndHealthyHomes.net, analyzes the architecture and human and environmental health risks of the so-called 'smart grid' in his presentation at the Wireless Safety Summit, Oct. 5, 2011, in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Center for Safer Wireless.

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http://www.naturalnews.com/035894_Fukushima_evacuation_radiation.html

Forty million Japanese in 'extreme danger' of life-threatening radiation poisoning, mass evacuations likely

Ethan A. Huff - May 17, 2012

(NaturalNews) Japanese officials are currently engaging in talks with Russian diplomats about where tens of millions of Japanese refugees might relocate in the very-likely event that the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear facility's Reactor 4 completely collapses. According to a recent report by EUTimes.net, Japanese authorities have indicated that as many as 40 million Japanese people are in "extreme danger" of radiation poisoning, and many eastern cities, including Tokyo, may have to be evacuated in the next few weeks or months to avoid extreme radiation poisoning.

As we continue to report, the situation at Fukushima is dire, to say the least. Reactor 4 is on the verge of complete collapse (http://www.naturalnews.com/035789_Fukushima_Cesium-137_Plume-Gate.html), which would send radioactive nuclear fuel from thousands of fuel rods directly into the atmosphere. These fuel rods, after all, are already exposed to the open air, but the full release of their fuel would cause not only a regional catastrophe, but also a global nuclear holocaust.

"A report released in February by the Independent Investigation Commission on the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Accident stated that the storage pool of the plant's No. 4 reactor has clearly been shown to be 'the weakest link' in the parallel, chain-reaction crises of the nuclear disaster," reported the Mainichi Daily News recently.

"The worst-case scenario drawn up by the government includes not only the collapse of the No. 4 reactor pool, but the disintegration of spent fuel rods from all the plant's other reactors. If this were to happen, residents in the Tokyo metropolitan area would be forced to evacuate."

So in an effort to establish contingency for the Japanese people in closest proximity to the fray, authorities are considering potentially relocating tens of millions of Japanese people to the Kuril Islands, which are located in Russia's Sakhalin Oblast region, or potentially even to China, where hundreds of uninhabited "ghost town" cities with no apparent use could house at least 64 million refugees. If this relocation were to occur, Japan

would largely become a barren wasteland.

'Wave' of highly-radioactive waste reportedly headed for West Coast of U.S.

For the Japanese people, the Fukushima disaster represents the complete demise of their nation, as literally nothing is being done to contain the thousands of exposed fuel rods that will eventually explode when Reactor 4 fails. But the consequences of all this are not limited to just Japan, as the rest of the world, including the U.S., will bear the brunt of this ticking nuclear time-bomb as well. We are, in fact, already suffering the consequences of this "nuclear war without a war" (<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=28870>).

Late last year, for example, it was reported that U.S. officials ordered the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) to release three million gallons of radioactive waste into the Pacific Ocean. Now, according to The Intel Hub, this waste will soon arrive on the shores of the U.S. West Coast, unbeknownst to the millions of Americans living in that region that will be exposed to it.

This new 'wave' of radiation is, of course, in addition to previous waves that have already killed thousands of people, many of whom were children, and sparked a considerable uptick in cancer cases. And as time goes on, more and more people living in America will begin to develop chronic conditions as a result of perpetual radiation poisoning from Fukushima, and many will die, all while the mainstream media remains willfully silent on the issue.

And the federal government has known all along that the Fukushima disaster is shaping up to be the most severe global catastrophe in recorded history, as was evidenced in a recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Not only were federal authorities aware of the extreme dangers posed by Fukushima from the early days of the disaster, but they also orchestrated misinformation campaigns to keep the American people, and the rest of the world, in the dark about the truth (http://www.naturalnews.com/035847_plume-gate_Fukushima_radiation.html).

Since neither the U.S. nor the Japanese governments appear willing to actually deal with Fukushima, and particularly the Reactor 4 situation,

NaturalNews is calling on the United Nations (U.N.) to take swift action. A new petition urges the U.N. to organize a Nuclear Security Summit to address the problem of Reactor 4, and also establish an independent assessment team to somehow stabilize it and prevent its fuel from potentially destroying all life on earth.

You can access that petition here:
<http://fukushima.greenaction>

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Japan Nuclear Expert: Melted fuel may have gone through cement floor and into ground under Fukushima reactors — I don't believe Tepco's claim for one second — Where in the world is it? (VIDEO) (August 22, 2012)

<http://enenews.com/japan-nuclear-expert-melted-fuel-gone-cement-floor-leaked-ground-fukushima-reactors-dont-believe-tepcos-calculations-one-second-world-video>

(...) There's at least a possibility that it's gone through all of it and leaked into the ground...If something like that happens, there's a strong possibility that it leaks into the environment and the ocean is right there. I've been advocating since last May that a wall be built underground...That's really all I know at this point. I really hope something is done so the material doesn't spread to the greater environment and I'm going to do all I can do to prevent that from happening.

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“Complete Information Control”: Japan newspapers receive much frightening info that's covered up — Some evacuees died from acute symptoms yet not reported — Journalists scared (August 16th, 2012)
<http://enenews.com/complete-information-control-newspapers-receive->

tons-frightening-information-covered-fukushima-journalist-frightened-govt-died-acute-symptoms-never-reported

According to the news received yesterday, 6 evacuees out of 10 from a certain area of Namiecho who relocated themselves in Yonezawa died of acute symptoms (it was said leukemia), and that horrified the remaining evacuees. They presented this fact to the administration and medias, however, the media didn't report it at all. They said they are scared of the government. Local newspaper companies receive tons of frightening information, however, all are covered up. After the protest that took place in front of the PM's residence, Tokyo Simbun expressed its regret to be not able to report it. Tokyo Simbun is a conscientious company. What are the other companies doing? Extracted from Mailing List of Fukushima Nuclear Disaster complainant. This document represents the actual situation of Fukushima. Majority are aware of the ongoing crisis. Complete information control is being carried out. My little brother is a local journalist of Fukushima, and he told me the government keeps a tight lid on information and it frightens him.

Asahi: Gov't calculations "were way off" — Anti-nuclear sentiment has grown so large it could force change in energy policy (August 23, 2012) IT SHOULD BE THE CASE WORLDWIDE!

<http://enenews.com/asahi-govt-calculations-were-way-off-anti-nuclear-sentiment-has-grown-so-large-it-could-force-change-in-energy-policy>
Policymakers determined to maintain nuclear energy believed most people would still want it as part of the nation's power generation despite the accident at the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear plant. Their calculations were way off. In a new type of government poll, 46.7 percent of respondents favored scrapping nuclear power generation by 2030 after hearing expert opinions and holding discussions among themselves, according to the results released on Aug. 22. In fact, anti-nuclear sentiment has grown so large that it could force the government to adjust its plan for the nation's long-term energy policy and will likely become a key issue in election campaigns. CLIP

NHK: With support growing for the 0% nuclear power option, gov't to delay deadline for deciding on an energy policy (VIDEO)

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Mysterious illness strikes hundreds of flight attendants, causes rashes and hair loss - are 'toxic uniforms' really to blame or is it Fukushima? (May 16, 2012)

http://www.naturalnews.com/035884_flight_attendants_radiation_poisoning.html

(NaturalNews) Hundreds of Alaska Airlines flight attendants have filed a formal complaint about uniforms they suspect might be causing their skin to rash and develop lesions, and their hair to fall out. But based on the timing of the symptoms and their relation to similar symptoms in local marine life and polar bear populations, it appears as though radiation from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster may also be a potential culprit. KING 5 News in Seattle, Wash., first broke the news about the "mystery illness" that has reportedly affected at least 280 flight attendants thus far. According to accounts, those afflicted by the condition say they have developed persistently itchy skin, skin lesions, and hair loss, all of which they suspect may have to do with newer flight uniforms that allegedly contain tributyl phosphate, a toxic organophosphorus compound linked to skin problems (<http://www.rightdiagnosis.com>). But not everyone is convinced that the uniforms are to blame, including Alexander Higgins who recently connected the dots to discover a potential link to the Fukushima Daiichi disaster. After comparing the flight attendants' symptoms to those reported on polar bears and marine life from the northwest U.S. throughout the past year, the timing and correlation of the two is highly suspect. Are Alaska Airlines flight attendants suffering the effects of nuclear radiation fallout? Back in April, AlaskaPublic.org reported that an alarming number of polar bears living in the Beaufort Sea, which is located just north of Alaska and Canada's Yukon and Northwest Territories, were turning up with skin lesions and Alopecia, which is another name for hair loss. And before the polar bears, it was apparently ice seals and walrus living in the arctic that were suffering similar symptoms (<http://www.alaskapublic.org>). Upon these discoveries, it seemed as though scientists and biologists tried every which way to avoid tagging nuclear radiation as the cause, blaming viruses, bacteria, and other factors as potential causes. But all of these hypotheses have failed, under further scrutiny, to prove true, which leaves one major elephant in the

room that is not being discussed: nuclear fallout from the Fukushima Daiichi disaster. Based on the timing of when these creatures began to suffer their horrible symptoms, as well as the nature of their symptoms, it appears as though radiation from Fukushima may at least be one of the causes of this mystery disease. And the striking similarity of the animals' symptoms to those of the Alaska Airlines flight attendants points even more heavily towards a nuclear radiation link in the latter case as well.
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Japan Admits Tsunami Funds Used to Defend Whaling Fleet (Dec. 12, 2011)

<http://www.motherjones.com/blue-marble/2011/12/japan-admits-tsunami-funds-used-safeguard-whaling-fleet>

Japan has admitted that some of its disaster funds earmarked for earthquake and tsunami relief will instead go to boost security for its so-called "scientific" whale hunts. The Japan Times reports: It was a comparatively minor entry in the annual, ritualized battle between pro- and anti-whalers. Japan's whaling fleet pulled out of Shimonoseki port near Nagasaki earlier this week on its way to another controversial four-month Antarctic cull. In the fine print of the 2011 departure, however, was a PR land mine that would detonate and send ripples across the world. Traveling with the whalers was what the Japanese media called "beefed-up security," a euphemism for a party of coast guard officers who would ride shotgun in the converted harpoon ship Shonan Maru 2, making sure the fleet achieved its target catch. That vessel gained some notoriety last year when it plowed through the Ady Gil ocean-going speedboat, cutting it in half. Japan Fisheries Agency officials admitted that about ¥2.28 billion (US\$29 million) would be taken from a ¥500 billion (US\$6.4 billion) portion of disaster funds earmarked for fisheries-related spending, approved by Japan's parliament last month. These monies apparently went to equip the Shonan Maru 2 with unspecified security equipment designed to win the battle against the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society's Ady Gil. This even though 95 percent of Japanese admit to rarely or never eating whale meat and presumably don't give a damn whether whaling continues. Japan's rationale: That safer hunts will help whaling towns recover from earthquake and tsunami damage. My question: \$29 million for a party of coast guard officers? What else did they send out with the whalers? Torpedoes?

U.S. Braces for Tsunami Debris, Impact Unclear (June 8, 2012)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=F1S9vm_LA

Plutonium and the End of Humanity (July 2, 2012)

<http://theintelhub.com/2012/07/03/plutonium-and-the-end-of-humanity/>

Fukushima radiation has traveled the globe. Much of the fallout follows the atmospheric jet stream and has blanketed Alaska, Canada, the U.S. Pacific northwest, U.S. west coast and U.S. mid-west. However, radioactive contamination from Fukushima has also been detected in Europe and even in the southern hemisphere. A fallout map, based only on one of the six reactors melting down, shows the widespread deposition of nuclear particles across a huge geographic region.

(...) For the first four weeks, the radioactive materials remained confined to the northern hemisphere but by April 13 radioactive isotopes were detected at stations located in Australia, Fiji, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea indicating that it had reached the southern hemisphere. Within two weeks the whole northern atmosphere was affected. The radioactive plume next travelled to eastern Russia (March 14) and then crossed the Pacific towards the North American continent to Europe and to Central Asia. The dominant radionuclides were xenon isotopes and especially Xe-133 together with I-131, Cs-134, and Cs-137, and further short-lived radionuclides like Te-132 and I-132 were also detected. Sadly, plutonium has been detected indicating early on the meltdown of spent-fuel assemblies. According to the Nuclear Information Resource Center (NIRS), this plutonium-uranium fuel mixture is far more dangerous than typical enriched uranium-a single milligram (mg) of MOX is as deadly as 2,000,000 mg of normal enriched uranium. On March 14, Unit 3 of the Fukushima reactor exploded, sending a huge smoke plume into the air. This particular reactor, of course, contains the rods fueled with MOX.

(...) More than a third of Britain is still contaminated by radioactivity from the Chernobyl disaster two decades ago, and children are getting cancer as a result. An investigation published in London on April 22, 2006, shows that at least 34% of the country will remain radioactive for centuries as the result of the accident. In Britain, about 81,000 sq km (31,000 sq miles)-mainly in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the west of England-were contaminated above 4,000 bequerels per square metre. The report says the radioactive caesium-and the doses of radiation it gives Britons-

will only "decline slowly over the next few hundred years."One type of contamination reinforces and strengthens the other so medical treatments need to simultaneously address both chemical toxicity and radiation poisoning.Exposure to radiation causes a cascade of free radicals that wreak havoc on the body. Radiation also decimates the body's supply of glutathione, thus allowing free radicals to run rampant through our tissues and organs.The Chernobyl incident was a major humanitarian disaster resulting in a plethora of health problems that are still far from being fully recognized.

Chernobyl One million victims - Dr. Sherman talks about WHO, the nuclear industry, health effects of ionizing radiation

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OHrsGLDUt0

Everyone should view this 29-minute interview with Dr. Janette Sherman, toxicologist, about the consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear catastrophe for people and the environment. The interview took place on 5 March 2011, six days before Fukushima. (Interview in English with French subtitles.)

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From: <http://www.pacificfreepress.com/news/1-/11713-media-deep-sixing-fukushima-.html>

Fukushima Reactor 4: The Most Important Story Nobody's Talking About

by Damien Gillis - May 22, 2012

"It is no exaggeration to say that the fate of Japan and the whole world depends on No. 4 reactor."

- Former Japanese Ambassador to Switzerland Mitsuhei Murata to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

It's the most important story nobody's talking about: the continued dire situation at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, ravaged by a massive earthquake and Tsunami last March.

Judging by the official position of the Japanese Government - which maintains the worst of the catastrophe has passed, declaring the plant now "stable" - and drying up of mainstream media coverage, it's easy to see how most of the world has been lulled into a false sense of security about Fukushima.

But in recent months, increasingly troubling reports from high-ranking Japanese and American politicians, diplomats and nuclear experts have been trickling into the

<<http://deathby1000papercuts.com/2012/05/large-crack-on-south-wall-of-fukushima-nuclear-reactor-number-four-photo/>>blogosphere and alternate media like the irradiated water still seeping from the plant into the Pacific Ocean.

They suggest, in a nutshell, that were another decent-sized earthquake to hit the stricken plant before thousands of highly radioactive spent fuel rods are properly secured, we could see the explosion and diffusion into the North Pacific's winds and ocean currents of 10 times the radioactive material emitted by the Chernobyl disaster - rendering much of Asia, North America and many other corners of the globe uninhabitable for centuries.

No wonder no one wants to talk about this stuff!

The force of such warnings has been muted by the fact that most of these alarms are being sounded by relatively fringe politicians and individuals associated with the anti-nuclear movement - albeit highly respected in their respective fields - and carried largely by

<<http://www.countercurrents.org/guarisco190512.htm>>alternate media sites.

But that has begun to change. This past week, one of Canada's largest media outlets, CTV News, carried a story titled, "<<http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/World/20120518/fukushima-dai-ichi-risk-reactor-4-120519/#ixzz1vSqYh9cR>>Fukushima Reactor 4 Poses Massive Global Risk", which echoed many of the concerns being raised through other channels. If you read one depressing thing this week, make it this story.

Here's how CTV describes the situation, citing renowned nuclear expert and activist Arnie Gundersen:

Reactor 4 - and to a lesser extent Reactor 3 - still hold large quantities of cooling waters surrounding spent nuclear fuel, all bound by a fragile concrete pool located 30 metres above the ground, and exposed to the elements. A magnitude 7 or 7.5 earthquake would likely fracture that pool, and disaster would ensue, says Arnie Gundersen, a nuclear engineer with Fairewinds Energy Education who has visited the site.

The 1,535 spent fuel rods would become exposed to the air and would likely catch fire, with the most-recently added fuel rods igniting first.

The incredible heat generated from that blaze, Gundersen said, could then ignite the older fuel in the cooling pool, causing a massive oxygen-eating radiological fire that could not be extinguished with water.

"So the fear is the newest fuel could begin to burn and then we'd have a conflagration of the whole pool because it would become hotter and hotter. The health consequences of that are beyond where science has ever gone before," Gundersen told CTVNews.ca in an interview from his home in Vermont...

...Highly radioactive cesium and strontium isotopes would likely go airborne and "volatilize" -- turning into a vapour that could move with the wind, potentially travelling thousands of kilometres from the source.

The size of those particles would determine whether they remained in Japan, or made their way to the rest of Asia and other continents.

"And here's where there's no science because no one's ever dared to attempt the experiment," Gundersen said. "If it flies far enough it goes around the world, if the particles stay a little bigger, they settle in Japan. Either is awful."

Essentially, he said, Japan is sitting on a ticking time bomb.

Gundersen is far from the only nuclear expert or public figure who has been raising these concerns. A veteran US Senator from Oregon, Ron Wyden - who recently visited Fukushima - and a couple of Japanese diplomats have also been raising alarm bells.

<<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/16/japan-nuclear-wyden->

idUSL2E8FGFOE20120416?feedType=RSS&feedName=everything&virtualBrandChannel=11563>Reuters reported last month on Wyden's Fukushima tour:

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Yet, just today, the
<<http://blogs.wsj.com/japanrealtime/2012/05/21/fukushima-daiichis-unit-4-spent-fuel-pool-safe-or-not/>>Wall Street Journal too chimed in on the emerging story. While the brief article, titled, "Fukushima Daiichi's Unit 4 Spent-Fuel Pool: Safe or Not?", presents the official line parroted by Japanese vice-minister for reconstruction, Ikko Nakatsuka - namely, that recent efforts to fortify reactor 4 have rendered it relatively safe - the paper retained some healthy skepticism, concluding: "But just how big an earthquake could Unit 4 withstand before it collapses? That's one of many questions from reporters that Mr. Nakatsuka and the head of the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency's seismic safety unit evaded or wouldn't answer."

Thanks to the efforts of the above politicians and nuclear experts, the story is beginning to break through in the mainstream media, forcing the Japanese at least to appear to step up their efforts. What is required now is for this issue to gain enough prominence in the mainstream media and, consequently, the public consciousness, to compel a unified political effort to move those bloody fuel rods to safety before another earthquake topples them and takes us all with them.

It is my hope, in talking about this thing no one wants to contemplate, that I'm doing my small part in inching the world closer to the action necessary to avert a crisis of unthinkable proportions. And perhaps if you take a moment to share this story and others you come across with your social media network, friends, colleagues and family - and write your political representatives and media - we can help build the movement required to keep our air and water clean, our children's future preserved.

I'm all for prayer in these situations...but action's preferable.

Earthquake shakes northeastern Japan (MAY 23, 2012)

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012-05-23/japan-earthquake/55168110/1>

TOKYO (AP) - A strong earthquake has struck off the coast of northeastern Japan, but no tsunami is expected. CLIP

U.S. Army General: The Whole Northern Hemisphere Is At Risk Of Becoming Largely Uninhabitable (May 25th, 2012)

<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/05/25/army-general-northern-hemisphere-risk-largely-uninhabitable-138121/>

A host of scientists, nuclear experts and researchers, say we facing a situation right now that is so serious that it literally threatened our very existence -- You may have entertained the idea of an improbable civilization ending events such as a 'global killer' asteroid, earth crust displacement or massive solar storms, but what if there existed a situation right now that was so serious that it literally threatened our very existence? According to a host of scientists, nuclear experts and researchers, we are facing exactly such a scenario - and current efforts may not be able to stop it. When the Fukushima nuclear plants sustained structural damage and a catastrophic failure of their spent fuel cooling systems in the aftermath of the Japanese earthquake and Tsunami in 2011, it left the government of Japan, Tokyo Power and nuclear regulatory agencies around the world powerless to contain the release of deadly radiation. A year on, the battle for control of Fukushima continues to no avail. It's estimated that tens of thousands of people in Japan and the whole of North America have been affected, with reports indicating that children in Japan and the U.S. are already being born with birth defects, as well as thousands who have already succumbed to radiation related illness. As we initially followed the breaking news during the first thirty days of the accident, we suggested the Fukushima disaster would be worse than Chernobyl. Not even we could have imagined how much worse it would be. If current estimates are correct, Fukushima has already released as much radiation into the atmosphere and Pacific Ocean as Chernobyl, and the potential for a disaster at least ten times worse is highly probable in the event of another earthquake or accident that leads to a collapse of the cooling structures which are above ground and have already suffered significant damage. According to U.S. Army General Albert N. Stubblebine (ret.) of the Natural Solutions Foundation, the situation is extremely serious and poses a significant danger to our entire civilization. Since TEPCO and the Japanese government have refused the entombment option (as the Russians did with Chernobyl) the world is at

the mercy of nature. A mistake here would cause the deaths of tens of millions of people across the globe. If there ever existed a threat that could cause the end of the world as we know it, it's the ongoing and unresolved nuclear saga in Japan CLIP

Note from Jean: I found a pro-nuclear industry blog ...

Spent fuel at Fukushima Daiichi safer than asserted - By Will Davis (May 16, 2012) <http://ansnuclearcafe.org/2012/05/16/spent-fuel-at-fukushima-not-dangerous/>

...where the author makes the case that fear of a catastrophic collapse of the Unit 4 Spent-Fuel Pool is overblown - based on Tepco's own reassurances that everything is safe. Most of the 161 comments tend to support this view but a couple ones question the validity of this fear-debunking article, such as...

"Thanks for the article that gives a bit of balance to some of the more extreme statements that are out there. Unfortunately, I think the problem you will face is a lack of trust. Had we asked about the safety of Fukushima prior to the accident, we would likely have been told it was safe, that tsunami protection was adequate and safety systems were in place. Even at the time it was obvious to many outsiders that it was not a great idea to build plants in such an active area. Now meltdowns have occurred and pollution has been released across large portions of Japan. Given this history, many people are incredibly suspicious of any statement from the nuclear industry. Quoting Tepco safety checks saying the building is safe will not reassure; it will come across to many like standing in a titanic life raft and saying it is unsinkable! How the two sides of this argument can come together with a degree of trust to enable the correct decisions about energy policy is not clear. There are clearly risks with nuclear power, but the alternatives aren't pain free either."

Note from Jean: Again there could be legitimate doubts on the actual validity of the 2 studies mentioned in the article below, and coming from organizations whose past reports (see http://www.unscear.org/docs/reports/2008/11-80076_Report_2008_Annex_D.pdf>HERE and <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2005/pr38/en/index.html>>HERE) have similarly greatly downplayed the health consequences

of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster which according to <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010/jan/10/chernobyl-nuclear-deaths-cancers-dispute> more reliable assessments has caused <http://www.independentaustralia.net/2011/life/health/chernobyl-cover-up-study-shows-more-than-a-million-deaths-from-radiation/> up to half a million deaths and probably http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/db_article.php?article_id=141 more than a million deaths by now.

Fukushima's doses tallied (23 May 2012)

<http://www.nature.com/news/fukushima-s-doses-tallied-1.10686>

Studies indicate minimal health risks from radiation in the aftermath of Japan's nuclear disaster. -- Few people will develop cancer as a consequence of being exposed to the radioactive material that spewed from Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant last year - and those who do will never know for sure what caused their disease. These conclusions are based on two comprehensive, independent assessments of the radiation doses received by Japanese citizens, as well as by the thousands of workers who battled to bring the shattered nuclear reactors under control. The first report, seen exclusively by Nature, was produced by a subcommittee of the http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Scientific_Committee_on_the_Effects_of_Atomic_Radiation United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) in Vienna, and covers a wide swathe of issues related to all aspects of the accident. The second, a draft of which has been seen by Nature, comes from the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland, and estimates doses received by the general public in the first year after the accident. Both reports will be discussed at UNSCEAR's annual meeting in Vienna this week. The UNSCEAR committee's analyses show that 167 workers at the plant received radiation doses that slightly raise their risk of developing cancer. The general public was largely protected by being promptly evacuated, although the WHO report does find that some civilians' exposure exceeded the government's guidelines. "If there's a health risk, it's with the highly exposed workers," says Wolfgang Weiss, the chair of UNSCEAR. Even for these workers, future cancers may never be directly tied to the accident, owing to the small number of people involved and the high background rates of cancer in developed countries such as Japan. Scientists involved in producing the UNSCEAR report hope that their independent summary of the best available data could help to dispel some of the fear about fallout that has grown over the past year. CLIP

Fukushima Meltdown Hastens Decline of Nuclear Power (May 22, 2012) A SOBERING REALITY CHECK FOR THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY...

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/articles/fukushima-meltdown-hastens-decline-of-nuclear-power-295815>

On May 5, 2012, Japan shut down its Tomari 3 nuclear reactor on the northern island of Hokkaido for inspection, marking the first time in over 40 years that the country had not a single nuclear power plant generating electricity. The March 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and subsequent Fukushima Daiichi nuclear meltdown shattered public confidence in atomic energy, thus far making it politically impossible to restart any of the reactors taken offline. And the disaster's legacy has spread far beyond Japan. Some European countries have decided to phase out their nuclear programs entirely. In other countries, nuclear plans are proceeding with caution. But with the world's fleet of reactors aging, and with new plants suffering construction delays and cost increases, it is possible that world nuclear electricity generation has peaked and begun a long-term decline. Prior to the Fukushima crisis, Japan had 54 reactors providing close to 30 percent of its electricity, with plans to increase this share to more than 50 percent by 2030. But nuclear power dropped to just 18 percent of Japan's electricity over the course of 2011. When the quake and tsunami hit, 16 reactors had already been temporarily shut down for inspections or maintenance; another 13 underwent emergency shutoffs, including the four Fukushima Daiichi reactors now permanently shut down. Others were subsequently closed due to earthquake vulnerability or for regular inspection. Now that Tomari 3 is offline, all 44,200 megawatts of Japan's nuclear capacity that are listed as "operational" by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) are in fact idle with no set date for restart. Next to Japan, the most dramatic shift in nuclear energy policy following Fukushima occurred in Germany. Within days of the disaster, Chancellor Angela Merkel announced that Germany's seven oldest reactors, all built before 1980, would shut down immediately. And in May 2011, the government declared that Germany would phase out nuclear entirely by 2022. Nuclear power generated 18 percent of the country's electricity in 2011, down from 24 percent in recent years and well below the peak in 1997 of 31 percent. Just before Germany's phaseout decision, Switzerland abandoned plans for three new reactors that were going through the approval process. The government also announced that all five of the country's reactors--which for years had provided some 40 percent of its electricity--will close permanently as their operating licenses expire over

the next 22 years. Italy, which had discontinued its nuclear program after the infamous 1986 nuclear disaster in Chernobyl, Ukraine, had in 2010 decided to restart it. But in a June 2011 referendum, more than 90 percent of Italian voters chose to ban nuclear power. Later in 2011, Belgium announced plans to phase out the seven reactors that provide more than half of the country's electricity. Even in France, with a world-leading 77 percent of its electricity coming from nuclear power, newly elected President François Hollande has said he intends to reduce this share to roughly 50 percent by 2025. CLIP

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From: <http://www.foreignpolicyjournal.com/2012/05/12/bush-convicted-of-war-crimes-in-absentia/>

Bush Convicted of War Crimes in Absentia

by Yvonne Ridley

May 12, 2012

Kuala Lumpur — It's official; George W Bush is a war criminal.

In what is the first ever conviction of its kind anywhere in the world, the former US President and seven key members of his administration were yesterday (Fri) found guilty of war crimes.

Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and their legal advisers Alberto Gonzales, David Addington, William Haynes, Jay Bybee and John Yoo were tried in absentia in Malaysia.

The trial held in Kuala Lumpur heard harrowing witness accounts from victims of torture who suffered at the hands of US soldiers and contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan.

They included testimony from British man Moazzam Begg, an ex-Guantanamo detainee and Iraqi woman Jameelah Abbas Hameedi who was tortured in the notorious Abu Ghraib prison.

At the end of the week-long hearing, the five-panel tribunal unanimously delivered guilty verdicts against Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and their key legal advisors who were all convicted as war criminals for torture and cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment.

Full transcripts of the charges, witness statements and other relevant material will now be sent to the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, as well as the United Nations and the Security Council.

The Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Commission is also asking that the names of Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Gonzales, Yoo, Bybee, Addington and Haynes be entered and included in the Commission's Register of War Criminals for public record.

The tribunal is the initiative of Malaysia's retired Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who staunchly opposed the American-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

He sat through the entire hearing as it took personal statements and testimonies of three witnesses namely Abbas Abid, Moazzam Begg and Jameelah Hameedi. The tribunal also heard two other Statutory Declarations of Iraqi citizen Ali Shalal and Rahul Ahmed, another British citizen.

After the guilty verdict reached by five senior judges was delivered, Mahathir Mohamad said: "Powerful countries are getting away with murder."

War crimes expert and lawyer Francis Boyle, professor of international law at the University of Illinois College of Law in America, was part of the prosecution team.

After the case he said: "This is the first conviction of these people anywhere in the world."

While the hearing is regarded by some as being purely symbolic, human rights activist Boyle said he was hopeful that Bush and Co could soon find themselves facing similar trials elsewhere in the world.

“We tried three times to get Bush in Canada but were thwarted by the Canadian Government, then we scared Bush out of going to Switzerland. The Spanish attempt failed because of the government there and the same happened in Germany.”

Boyle then referenced the Nuremberg Charter which was used as the format for the tribunal when asked about the credibility of the initiative in Malaysia. He quoted: “Leaders, organizers, instigators and accomplices participating in the formulation or execution of a common plan or conspiracy to commit war crimes are responsible for all acts performed by any person in execution of such a plan.”

The US is subject to customary international law and to the Principles of the Nuremberg Charter said Boyle who also believes the week-long trial was “almost certainly” being monitored closely by both Pentagon and White House officials.

Professor Gurdial Singh Nijar, who headed the prosecution said: “The tribunal was very careful to adhere scrupulously to the regulations drawn up by the Nuremberg courts and the International Criminal Courts”.

He added that he was optimistic the tribunal would be followed up elsewhere in the world where “countries have a duty to try war criminals” and he cited the case of the former Chilean dictator Augustine Pinochet who was arrested in Britain to be extradited to Spain on charges of war crimes.

“Pinochet was only eight years out of his presidency when that happened.”

The Pinochet case was the first time that several European judges applied the principle of universal jurisdiction, declaring themselves competent to judge crimes committed by former heads of state, despite local amnesty laws.

Throughout the week the tribunal was packed with legal experts and law students as witnesses gave testimony and then cross examination by the defence led by lawyer Jason Kay Kit Leon.

The court heard how

- Abbas Abid, a 48-year-old engineer from Fallujah in Iraq had his fingernails removed by pliers.
- Ali Shalal was attached with bare electrical wires and electrocuted and hung from a wall.
- Moazzam Begg was beaten, hooded and put in solitary confinement.
- Jameelah was stripped and humiliated, and was used as a human shield whilst being transported by helicopter.

The witnesses also detailed how they have residual injuries till today.

Moazzam Begg, now working as a director for the London-based human rights group Cageprisoners said he was delighted with the verdict, but added: "When people talk about Nuremberg you have to remember those tried were all prosecuted after the war.

"Right now Guantanamo is still open, people are still being held there and are still being tortured there."

In response to questions about the difference between the Bush and Obama Administrations, he added: "If President Bush was the President of extra-judicial torture then US President Barak Obama is the President of extra judicial killing through drone strikes. Our work has only just begun."

The prosecution case rested on proving how the decision-makers at the highest level President Bush, Vice-President Cheney, Secretary of Defence Rumsfeld, aided and abetted by the lawyers and the other commanders and CIA officials – all acted in concert. Torture was systematically applied and became an accepted norm.

According to the prosecution, the testimony of all the witnesses exposed a sustained perpetration of brutal, barbaric, cruel and dehumanising course of conduct against them.

These acts of crimes were applied cumulatively to inflict the worst possible pain and suffering, said lawyers.

The president of the tribunal Tan Sri Dato Lamin bin Haji Mohd Yunus Lamin, found that the prosecution had established beyond a “reasonable doubt that the accused persons, former President George Bush and his co-conspirators engaged in a web of instructions, memos, directives, legal advice and action that established a common plan and purpose, joint enterprise and/or conspiracy to commit the crimes of Torture and War Crimes, including and not limited to a common plan and purpose to commit the following crimes in relation to the “War on Terror” and the wars launched by the U.S. and others in Afghanistan and Iraq.”

President Lamin told a packed courtroom: “As a tribunal of conscience, the Tribunal is fully aware that its verdict is merely declaratory in nature. The tribunal has no power of enforcement, no power to impose any custodial sentence on any one or more of the 8 convicted persons. What we can do, under Article 31 of Chapter VI of Part 2 of the Charter is to recommend to the Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Commission to submit this finding of conviction by the Tribunal, together with a record of these proceedings, to the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, as well as the United Nations and the Security Council.

“The Tribunal also recommends to the Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Commission that the names of all the 8 convicted persons be entered and included in the Commission’s Register of War Criminals and be publicised accordingly.

“The Tribunal recommends to the War Crimes Commission to give the widest international publicity to this conviction and grant of reparations, as these are universal crimes for which there is a responsibility upon nations to institute prosecutions if any of these Accused persons may enter their jurisdictions”.

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From: <http://www.opinion-maker.org/2012/05/obamas-god-complex/>

Obama’s God complex

by Yvonne Ridley -- 30 May 2012

The fatal shooting of black teenager Trayvon Martin shocked a nation, inspired tens of thousands to march for justice and even prompted the US President to declare, "If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon".

It took nearly six weeks for George Zimmerman, the Florida man accused of killing the teenager, to be arrested and charged with second-degree murder after enormous pressure from the public.

Zimmerman – the captain of a Neighbourhood Watch group – pursued Trayvon because he said that he thought he was acting "suspicious" and "up to no good". And that is exactly the same excuse used by President Barack Obama as he justifies ticking off names on a "kill list" for drone attacks.

While Obama called on federal, state and local authorities to work together as part of the investigation into the killing of Trayvon, just who is going to investigate the President for his extra-judicial killings? He is a man out of control, and while his predecessor justified his actions with a catch-all "God told me to do it", this president thinks he is God, making decisions about who should live and who should die.

If he was the head of a banana republic the UN Security Council would be meeting as I write to bring about regime change, with the International Criminal Court on standby with a writ to charge Obama with war crimes.

But the USA is not a banana republic – not yet, anyway – and Obama is the head of a superpower and supposed to be the most powerful man in the world; the man who in 2009 went to Cairo and convinced us all that he was going to engage positively with the Muslim world from the Middle East to Asia.

Looking back at that historic day all I can visualise is a fox being heralded and saluted by his victims as he walks up the ramp into the chicken coop.

We don't know how many people Barack Obama has ordered to be killed, but according to the New York Times he has "placed himself at the helm of a top secret 'nominations' process to designate terrorists for kill or capture, of which the capture part has become largely theoretical".

There is huge hypocrisy in the media and from the so-called liberal left when it comes to this particular White House incumbent. The tame journalists who make up the Washington press pack ignore the fact that several times a month around 100 members of the government's sprawling national security apparatus gather, by secure video teleconference, to discuss who should live and who should die.

This murderous secret nomination process was the invention of the Democrat Obama Administration, just as the Democrat Bill Clinton Administration brought kidnap and extraordinary rendition flights to the world. Republicans must look on enviously at how the Democrats get away with breaking international laws and conventions without being challenged.

It is almost beyond belief that this kill list has been sanctioned by a man who won the Nobel Peace Prize and ran his US Presidential campaign on a human rights platform. Remember Obama's declaration that he wanted to close down Guantanamo, end torture, stop secret renditions and raise the bar in fairness and justice? He clearly doesn't.

In Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan, Obama's killing machines are not even clinical or always on target; thousands of innocent men, women and children have been taken out by his drone attacks. Their blood is on the US President's hands, and even his own people are sickened by the hypocrisy and double standards coming out of the White House.

America's outgoing Ambassador to Pakistan, Cameron Munter, a man with more backbone and guts than his predecessor, has revealed that he regards the drone strike-driven policy of his government unacceptable. Rather tellingly, he has complained to colleagues that "he didn't realise his main job was to kill people".

This was revealed in another article published this week in the New York Times, one of the few US media titles finally to adopt a critical stance over Obama's foreign policies.

I can only assume that Obama's killing spree has gone largely unchecked by ordinary Americans because they haven't a clue what this president is doing in their name. This is sad, because Americans do care about justice and fair play; they showed this when they rallied and demonstrated after the killing of black teenager Trayvon Martin by a man who thought he

was “up to no good”.

Trayvon's killer will now stand trial for his actions and his fate will be decided by a judge and jury looking at openly presented evidence. That is real justice, not the shoot and kill version which is coming to define Obama's presidency.

Many of us who cheered when the first non-white president moved into the White House were hoping for a new era of peace and justice, but we have been conned. The true Barack Obama is an out of control psychopathic killer with a loaded God complex, and he's running America. This makes him the most dangerous man in the world as well as the most powerful. And that should make every right-minded person in America and beyond shudder with disbelief.

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America's Murderous Drone Campaign Is Fuelling Terror By Seumas Milne (29 May 2012)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/may/29/americas-drone-campaign-terror>

Obama's escalation of a war that's already caused thousands of deaths will only destabilise his own allies and bolster al-Qaida - More than a decade after George W Bush launched it, the "war on terror" was supposed to be winding down. US military occupation of Iraq has ended and Nato is looking for a way out of Afghanistan, even as the carnage continues. But another war – the undeclared drone war that has already killed thousands – is now being relentlessly escalated. From Pakistan to Somalia, CIA-controlled pilotless aircraft rain down Hellfire missiles on an ever-expanding hit list of terrorist suspects – they have already killed hundreds, perhaps thousands, of civilians in the process. At least 15 drone strikes have been launched in

<<http://blogs.cfr.org/zenko/2012/05/14/escalating-americas-third-war-in-yemen/>>Yemen this month, as many as in the whole of the past decade, killing dozens; while in Pakistan, a string of US attacks has been launched against supposed "militant" targets in the past week, incinerating up to 35 people and <<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/25-May-2012/us-drone-strike-hits-mosque>

10-killed>hitting a mosque and a bakery. The US's decision to step up the drone war again in Pakistan, opposed by both government and parliament in Islamabad as illegal and a violation of sovereignty, reflects its fury at the jailing of a CIA agent involved in the Bin Laden hunt and Pakistan's refusal to reopen supply routes for Nato forces in Afghanistan. Those routes were closed in protest at the US killing of 24 Pakistani soldiers last November, for which Washington still refuses to apologise. Wajid Shamsul Hasan, Pakistan's high commissioner in London, describes the latest US escalation as "punitive". But then Predators and Reapers are Barack Obama's weapons of choice and coercion, deployed only on the territory of troublesome US allies, such as Pakistan and Yemen – and the drone war is Obama's war.

(...) Since 2004, between 2,464 and 3,145 people are reported to have been killed by US drone attacks in Pakistan, of whom up to 828 were civilians (535 under Obama) and 175 children. Some Pakistani estimates put the civilian death toll much higher – plausibly, given the tendency to claim as "militants" victims later demonstrated to be nothing of the sort. The US president insisted recently that the civilian death toll was not a "huge number". Not on the scale of Iraq, perhaps, where hundreds of thousands were killed; or Afghanistan, where tens of thousands have died. But they gruesomely include dozens killed in follow-up attacks after they had gone to help victims of earlier strikes – as well as teenagers like Tariq Khan, a 16-year-old Pakistani boy decapitated in a strike last November after he had travelled to Islamabad to protest against drones. These killings are, in reality, summary executions and widely regarded as potential war crimes by international lawyers – including the UN's special rapporteur on extrajudicial killings, Philip Alston. The CIA's now retired counsel, John Rizzo, who authorised drone attacks, himself talked about having been involved in "murder". A decade ago, the US criticised Israel for such "extrajudicial killings" but now claims self-defence in the war against al-Qaida. These are attacks, however, routinely carried out on the basis of false intelligence, in countries such as Pakistan where no war has been declared and without the consent of the elected government.

(...) Of course, drone attacks are only one method by which the US and its allies deliver death and destruction in Afghanistan and the wider Middle East, from night raids and air attacks to killing sprees on the ground. The day after last Friday's Houla massacre in Syria, eight members of one family were killed at home by a Nato air attack in eastern Afghanistan –

one of many such atrocities barely registered in the western media. But while support for the war in Afghanistan has fallen to an all-time low in all Nato states, the drone war is popular in the US. That's hardly surprising, as it offers no danger to American forces – the ultimate asymmetric warfare – while supposedly "taking out" terrorists. But these hi-tech death squads are creating a dangerous global precedent, which will do nothing for US security. A decade ago, critics warned that the "war on terror" would spread terrorism rather than stamp it out. That is exactly what happened. Obama has now renamed the campaign "overseas contingency operations" and is switching the emphasis from boots on the ground to robots. But, as the destabilisation of Pakistan and growth of al-Qaida in Yemen shows, the impact remains the same. The drone war is a predatory war on the Muslim world, which is feeding hatred of the US – and fuelling terror, not fighting it.

US drone strikes target rescuers in Pakistan – and the west stays silent (20 August 2012)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/20/us-drones-strikes-target-rescuers-pakistan>

Attacking rescuers – a tactic long deemed by the US a hallmark of terrorism – is now routinely used by the Obama administration -- The US government has long maintained, reasonably enough, that a defining tactic of terrorism is to launch a follow-up attack aimed at those who go to the scene of the original attack to rescue the wounded and remove the dead. Morally, such methods have also been widely condemned by the west as a hallmark of savagery. Yet, as was demonstrated yet again this weekend in Pakistan, this has become one of the favorite tactics of the very same US government. A 2004 official alert from the FBI warned that "terrorists may use secondary explosive devices to kill and injure emergency personnel responding to an initial attack"; the bulletin advised that such terror devices "are generally detonated less than one hour after initial attack, targeting first responders as well as the general population". Security experts have long noted that the evil of this tactic lies in its exploitation of the natural human tendency to go to the scene of an attack to provide aid to those who are injured, and is specifically potent for sowing terror by instilling in the population an expectation that attacks can, and likely will, occur again at any time and place:

(...) A 2007 report from the US department of homeland security christened the term "double tap" to refer to what it said was "a favorite

tactic of Hamas: a device is set off, and when police and other first responders arrive, a second, larger device is set off to inflict more casualties and spread panic." Similarly, the US justice department has highlighted this tactic in its prosecutions of some of the nation's most notorious domestic terrorists.

(...) Since that first bureau report, there have been numerous other documented cases of the use by the US of this tactic: "On [4 June], US drones attacked rescuers in Waziristan in western Pakistan minutes after an initial strike, killing 16 people in total according to the BBC. On 28 May, drones were also reported to have returned to the attack in Khassokhel near Mir Ali." Moreover, "between May 2009 and June 2011, at least 15 attacks on rescuers were reported by credible news media, including the New York Times, CNN, ABC News and Al Jazeera." In June, the UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial killings, summary or arbitrary executions, Christof Heyns, said that if "there have been secondary drone strikes on rescuers who are helping (the injured) after an initial drone attack, those further attacks are a war crime." There is no doubt that there have been.

(...) It is telling indeed that the Obama administration now routinely uses tactics in Pakistan long denounced as terrorism when used by others, and does so with so little controversy. Just in the past several months, attacks on funerals of victims have taken place in Yemen (purportedly by al-Qaida) and in Syria (purportedly, though without evidence, by the Assad regime), and such attacks – understandably – sparked outrage. Yet, in the west, the silence about the Obama administration's attacks on funerals and rescuers is deafening. But in the areas targeted by the US with these tactics, there is anything but silence.

(...) The reason for the silence about such matters, and the reason commentary of this sort sparks such anger and hostility, is two-fold: first, the US likes to think of terror as something only "others" engage in, not itself, and more so; second, supporters of Barack Obama, the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, simply do not want to think about him as someone who orders attacks on those rescuing his victims or funeral attendees gathered to mourn them. That, however, is precisely what he is, as this mountain of evidence conclusively establishes.

"Militants": Media Propaganda By Glenn Greenwald (May 29, 2012)

http://www.salon.com/2012/05/29/militants_media_propaganda/singleton/

To avoid counting civilian deaths, Obama re-defined "militant" to mean "all military-age males in a strike zone" -- Virtually every time the U.S. fires a missile from a drone and ends the lives of Muslims, American media outlets dutifully trumpet in headlines that the dead were "militants" – even though those media outlets literally do not have the slightest idea of who was actually killed. They simply cite always-unnamed "officials" claiming that the dead were "militants." It's the most obvious and inexcusable form of rank propaganda: media outlets continuously propagating a vital claim without having the slightest idea if it's true. This practice continues even though key Obama officials have been caught lying, a term used advisedly, about how many civilians they're killing. I've written and said many times before that in American media discourse, the definition of "militant" is any human being whose life is extinguished when an American missile or bomb detonates CLIP

The Face of Collateral Damage By Jefferson Morley (May 29, 2012)

<http://astheworldsleeps.org/node/6531>

Photos of missile debris help trace the path of a CIA drone missile that killed a young girl. Around midnight on May 21, 2010, a girl named Fatima was killed when a succession of U.S.-made Hellfire missiles, each of them five-feet long and traveling at close to 1,000 miles per hour, smashed a compound of houses in a mountain village of Mohammed Khel in North Waziristan along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Wounded in the explosions, which killed a half dozen men, Fatima and two other children were taken to a nearby hospital, where they died a few hours later. Behram Noor, a Pakistani journalist, went to the hospital and took a picture of Fatima shortly before her death. Then, he went back to the scene of the explosions looking for evidence that might show who was responsible for the attack. In the rubble, he found a mechanism from a U.S.-made Hellfire missile and gave it to Reprieve, a British organization opposed to capital punishment, which shared photographs of the material with Salon. (...) In the euphemistic jargon of Washington, Fatima was "collateral damage" in the successful effort to assassinate Yazid, an Egyptian jihadist also known as Saeed al-Masri. (...) Some might say that Yazid invited the killing of his wife and children by traveling with them while allegedly plotting attacks on U.S. targets. But Fatima was not his child. She was just a girl in the neighborhood who came into the crosshairs of the CIA. (...) The specific actions U.S. officials believed Yazid was

planning in May 2010 have not been disclosed, but Yazid was public in his desire to retaliate for U.S. drone strikes. He had praised the "supreme bravery" of the suicide bomber who killed seven CIA employees at the U.S. airbase in Khost in December 2009 to avenge the death of a Pakistani militant leader in a previous CIA drone strike. Whether CIA officials watching Yazid's convoy on live video feed on the afternoon of May 21, 2010, were aware that it carried women and children is not known. So it is impossible to know if "great care" was taken to prevent the death of Fatima and the other children in the convoy. The presence of non-combatants in the immediate vicinity of targeted individuals has not prevented other CIA drone attacks in the past, most notoriously in the case of a June 2009 drone attack on a funeral ceremony that killed an estimated 60 people. CLIP

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The Prison Industrial Complex

By Steve Nolan - May 17, 2012

"https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prison-industrial_complex>Prison Industrial Complex" is a term that refers to private prison companies and businesses that supply goods and services to government prison agencies. What is interesting about this term and the concept of "prison labor" is how it's rise parallels the rapid expansion of the US inmate population.

The Prison Industrial Complex is big growth industry. While other sectors of our economy continue to struggle in this recession, the private prison industry is booming!

Is there a connection between this booming business and the record rise in incarceration in this country? Let's take a deeper look...

Did you know that for every 100,000 Americans, 743 of them reside behind bars? That is nearly

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=29109>>1 out 100

Americans!

Today, the United States has the highest prison population in the world with more than 2 million people either incarcerated in prison or in jail awaiting trial.

The United States has the highest documented incarceration rate in the world, surpassing China, North Korea and Russia.

A study conducted by the Bureau of Justice in 2005 showed that a record 33-year continuous rise in the number of inmates in the United States despite falling crime rates.

To put this concept into perspective, consider the following:

- Consider that for every \$1 we spend on higher education in this country, we spend \$.60 on correctional facilities.
- Collectively, the States and Federal government spend about \$74 billion a year on corrections, and nearly 800,000 people who work in the industry.
- The largest private prison conglomerate in the United States is Corrections Corporations of America(CCA) which controls more than 47% of all private prison and jail beds nationwide, produces a 13% to 15% return annually.
- Nearly 2/3 of the world's total number of prisoners being incarcerated behind bars are Americans.
- 1 out of every 32 Americans is on probation, parole or in prison.
- A total 7,225,800 adults were under correctional supervision in 2009 (about 3.1% of US Adults).
- Of these, 4,933,667 adults were on probation or parole.
- According to the US Bureau of Justice Statistics, there are over 2,266,800 adults incarcerated in US Federal and States prisons today.
- County jails accounts for another .7% of U.S. adults.

- There are more Americans under "correctional supervision" than were in Stalin's Gulags.
- Every day, at least 50,000 men-a full house at Yankee Stadium are in solitary confinement.
- 86,927 juveniles were in detention as of 2007.
- Texas alone has sentenced more than 400 teenagers to life imprisonment.
- A black male is 7x more likely to be imprisoned than a white male.
- Prison rape is so endemic-
<http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/atlarge/2012/01/30/120130c_rap_atlarge_gopnik>more than 70,000 prisoners are raped each year.

The major myth associated with our Prison Industrial Complex is that the rise in incarceration rates reflects a commensurate rise in crime. <<http://reason.com/archives/2011/06/24/the-facts-about-americas-priso>>The fact is that crime rates have fallen. One of the driving forces behind the sudden rise in prison populations is a result of the "three strikes laws."

It is estimated over 500,000 Americans are in prison for drug-related, non-violent crimes. Another driver is the continued privatization of our prison system where these private companies are actually incented to keep their jails full.

Case in point, CCA has an ultra-modern prison in Lawrenceville, Virginia, where five guards on dayshift and two at night watch over 750 prisoners. In these prisons, inmates may get their sentences reduced for "good behavior,"but for any infraction, they get 30 days added - which means more profits for CCA.

According to a study of New Mexico prisons, it was found that CCA inmates lost "good behavior time" at a rate eight times higher than those in state-run prisons.

Another big driving force behind our massive prison system is cheap

labor.

37% states have legalized the contracting of prison labor by private corporations. The list of these corporations include: IBM, Boeing, Motorola, Microsoft, AT&T, Wireless, Texas Instrument, Dell, Honeywell, Hewlett-Packard, Nortel, Lucent Technologies, 3Com, Intel, Northern Telecom, TWA, Nordstrom's, Revlon, Macy's, Pierre Cardin, Target Stores, and many more.

In private-run prisons, the working inmates receive as little as 17 cents per hour for a maximum of six hours a day, the equivalent of \$20 per month. The highest-paying private prison "employer" is CCA in Tennessee, where prisoners receive 50 cents per hour for what they call "highly skilled positions."

Exploitation of cheap labor by Fortune 500 companies has competition from the Military Industrial Complex. Did you know that prison labor - with no union protection, overtime pay, vacation days, pensions, benefits, health and safety protection, or Social Security withholding - makes complex components for McDonnell Douglas/Boeing's F-15 fighter aircraft, the General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin F-16, and Bell/Textron's Cobra helicopter?

And that prison labor produces night-vision goggles, body armor, camouflage uniforms, radio and communication devices, and lighting systems and components for 30-mm anti-aircraft guns to 300-mm battleship guns, along with land mine sweepers and electro-optical equipment for BAE Systems' Bradley Fighting Vehicle's laser rangefinder? Prisoners are also "hired" to recycle toxic electronic equipment and overhaul military vehicles.

Labor in federal prisons is contracted out by UNICOR, previously known as Federal Prison Industries, a quasi-public, for-profit corporation run by the Bureau of Prisons. In 14 prison factories, more than 3,000 prisoners manufacture electronic equipment for land, sea and airborne communication. UNICOR is now the U.S. government's 39th largest contractor, with 110 factories at 79 federal penitentiaries.

The majority of UNICOR's products and services are on contract to orders from the Department of Defense. Giant multinational corporations

purchase parts assembled at some of the lowest labor rates in the world, then resell the finished weapons components at the highest rates of profit.

For example, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon Corporation subcontract components, then assemble and sell advanced weapons systems to the Pentagon.

I believe what former Oregon State Representative Kevin Mannix said when he recently urged Nike to cut its production in Indonesia and bring it to his state, telling the shoe manufacturer that "there won't be any transportation costs, we're offering you competitive prison labor (here)."

In other words...he is basically offering slave labor! While our so-called elected officials talk about the massive slave labor camps in North Korea, I think one only has to look into the mirror and let the facts speak for themselves.

Our prison industrial complex is getting out hand, much like our military industrial complex. We need to stand up now and do something about it, before it gets too powerful, too influential, and too out of control.

Until next time, keep your powder dry and your faith strong!

Related articles:

Profit Driven Prison Industrial Complex: The Economics of Incarceration in the USA (February 6, 2012)

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(...) While miserable statistics illustrate some measure of the ongoing ethical calamity occurring in the detainment centers inside the land of the free, only a partial picture of the broader situation is painted. While the country faces an unprecedented economic and financial crisis, business is booming in other fields - namely, the private prison industry. Like any other business, these institutions are run for the purpose of turning a profit. State and federal prisons are contracted out to private companies who are paid a fixed amount to house each prisoner per day. Their profits result from spending the minimum amount of state or federal funds on each inmate, only to pocket the remaining capital. For the corrections

conglomerates of America, prosperity depends on housing the maximum numbers of inmates for the longest potential time - as inexpensively as possible. By allowing a profit-driven capitalist-enterprise model to operate over institutions that should rightfully be focused on rehabilitation, America has enthusiastically embraced a prison industrial complex. Under the promise of maintaining correctional facilities at a lower cost due to market competition, state and federal governments contract privately run companies to manage and staff prisons, even allowing the groups to design and construct facilities. The private prison industry is primarily led by two morally deficient entities, the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) and the GEO Group (formerly Wackenhut Corrections Corporation). These companies amassed a combined revenue of over \$2.9 billion in 2010, not without situating themselves in the center of political influence. The number of people imprisoned under state and federal custody increased 772% percent between 1970 and 2009, largely due to the incredible influence private corporations wield against the American legal system. Because judicial leniency and sentencing reductions threaten the very business models of these private corporations, millions have been spent lobbying state officials and political candidates in an effort to influence harsher "zero tolerance" legislation and mandatory sentencing for many non-violent offenses. Political action committees assembled by private correctional corporations have lobbied over 3.3 million dollars to the political establishment since 2001. An annual report released by the CCA in 2010 reiterates the importance of influencing legislation:

(...) Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of this obstinate moral predicament presents itself in the private contracting of prisoners and their role in assembling vast quantities of military and commercial equipment. While the United States plunges itself into each new manufactured conflict under a wide range of fraudulent pretenses, it is interesting to note that all military helmets, ammunition belts, bulletproof vests, ID tags, uniforms, tents, bags and other equipment used by military occupation forces are produced by inmates in federal prisons across the US. Giant multinational conglomerates and weapons manufacturers such as Lockheed Martin and Raytheon Corporation employ federal prison labor to cheaply assemble weapons components, only to sell them to the Pentagon at premium prices. At the lowest, Prisoners earn 17 cents an hour to assemble high-tech electronic components for guided missile systems needed to produce Patriot Advanced Capability 3 missiles and anti-tank projectiles. In the past, political mouthpieces of the United States have criticized countries such as

China and North Korea for their role in exploiting prisoner labor to create commodity products such as women's bras and artificial flowers for export. Evidently, outsourcing the construction of the military equipment responsible for innumerable civilian casualties to the prisons of America warrants no such criticism from the military industrial establishment. In utter derision toward the integrity of the common worker, prison inmates are exposed to toxic spent ammunition, depleted uranium dust and other chemicals when contracted to clean and reassemble tanks and military vehicles returned from combat. Prison laborers receive no union protection, benefits or health and safety protection when made to work in electronic recycling factories where inmates are regularly exposed to lead, cadmium, mercury and arsenic.

(...) Unbeknown to the vast majority of Americans, the US government has been actively taking steps to modify the legal infrastructure of the country to allow for a dramatic expansion of the domestic prison system at the expense of civil rights. On December 31st, 2011, Barack Obama signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) H.R. 1540. Emulating the rouge military dictatorships the US Government has long condemned in its rhetoric, the NDAA introduces a vaguely worded legislation that allows for US citizens to be arbitrarily detained in military detention without due process - might they be predictably be deemed radical, conspiratorial or suspected of terrorism. In a climate of rising public discontent, the establishment media has steadfastly worked to blur the line between public activism and domestic extremism. In addition to the world's largest network of prison facilities, over 800 located detainment camps exist in all regions of the United States with varying maximum capacities. Facing economic stagnation, many Americans have been detained in responder camps as a consequence of publically demonstrating in accordance with the Occupy Wall Street movement launched in New York City. Under the guise of protecting Americans from a largely contrived and abstract threat of fundamentalist violence, citizens have been denied the right of peaceful assembly and placed in detainment apparatuses, managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Documents have been released by the American Civil Liberties Union detailing the Pentagon's widespread monitoring of public demonstrations and the targeting of individual activists under threat of national security. Co-authored by Senator Joe Lieberman, the Enemy Expatriation Act (HR 3166) gives the US government the power to detain nationals and revoke their American citizenship under suspicion of

behavior perceived as terrorism.

This legislation becomes increasingly more dangerous as citizens can be labeled domestic extremists based on their constitutionally protected activism or personal political leanings. In January 2006, a contract to construct detention facilities for the Department of Homeland Security worth a maximum of \$385 million was awarded to KBR, a subsidiary of Haliburton. Following the signing of NDAA earlier in 2012, leaked documents reveal that KBR is now seeking to staff its detention centers and award contracts for services such as catering, temporary fencing and barricades, laundry and medical services, power generation, and refuse collection. It would be reasonable to assume that these facilities could be managed in partnership with private corporations such as the GEO Group or the CCA, as many federal and state penitentiaries privatize sections of their facilities to privately owned companies. Declassified US Army documents originally drafted in 1997 divulge the existence of inmate labor camps inside US military installations. It is all but unexpected that the relationship between the upper echelons of government and the private prison enterprise will grow increasingly more intimate in the current climate of prison industrial legislation.

The partnership between the United States government and its corporate associates spans various industries however, they all seek the common pursuit of profit irrespective of the moral and ethical consequence - the human consequence. The increasing influence of the Prison Industrial Complex towards official legislation and economic undertakings signifies a reprehensible threat to basic human rights. Perhaps the issuance of government legislation that leads offenders into detainment for the benefit of private shareholders is the purest embodiment of fascism, as cited in Mussolini's vision of a Corporate State. Perhaps we all (this author included) fail to grasp the seriousness of these legislations and their implications on our lives. CLIP

THE CAGING OF AMERICA (JANUARY 30, 2012)

http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/atlarge/2012/01/30/120130crat_atlarge_gopnik?currentPage=all

(...) Prison rape is so endemic-more than seventy thousand prisoners are raped each year-that it is routinely held out as a threat, part of the punishment to be expected. The subject is standard fodder for comedy, and an uncooperative suspect being threatened with rape in prison is now

represented, every night on television, as an ordinary and rather lovable bit of policing. The normalization of prison rape-like eighteenth-century japery about watching men struggle as they die on the gallows-will surely strike our descendants as chillingly sadistic, incomprehensible on the part of people who thought themselves civilized. Though we avoid looking directly at prisons, they seep obliquely into our fashions and manners. Wealthy white teen-agers in baggy jeans and laceless shoes and multiple tattoos show, unconsciously, the reality of incarceration that acts as a hidden foundation for the country.

US Internment Camps Inmate Classifications: Which One Are You In? (19 May 2012)

http://beforeitsnews.com/story/2156/559/US_Internment_Camps_Inmate_Classifications:_Which_One_Are_You_In.html

The recently leaked <<http://info.publicintelligence.net/USArmy-InternmentResettlement.pdf>>PDF document " Internment and Resettlement Operations" dated Feb 2010 is a long and fascinating document. This document appears to be a "soup to nuts" manual on setting up and running resettlement camps and penal facilities both in and outside the US. In the manual people are put into different classifications. Each of these classifications will have different treatments specified for each of them.-Dislocated Civilian-Refugee-Migrant-Expellees-Internally displaced person

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From: <http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/turn-out-the-lights-the-largest-u-s-cities-are-becoming-cesspools-of-filth-decay-and-wretchedness>

Turn Out The Lights - The Largest U.S. Cities Are Becoming Cesspools Of Filth, Decay And Wretchedness

Once upon a time, the largest U.S. cities were the envy of the entire world. Sadly, that is no longer the case. Sure, there are areas of New York City, Boston, Washington and Los Angeles that are still absolutely beautiful but for the most part our major cities are rapidly rotting and decaying. Cities such as Detroit, Cleveland, Baltimore, Memphis, New

Orleans, St. Louis and Oakland were all once places where middle class American workers thrived and raised their families. Today, all of those cities are rapidly being transformed into cesspools of filth, decay and wretchedness. Millions of good jobs have left our major cities in recent decades and poverty has absolutely exploded. Basically, you can turn out the lights because the party is over. In fact, some major U.S. cities are literally turning out the lights. In Detroit, about 40 percent of the streetlights are already broken and the city cannot afford to repair them. So Mayor Bing has come up with a plan to cut the number of operating streetlights almost in half and leave vast sections of the city totally in the dark at night. I wonder what that will do to the crime rate in the city. But don't look down on Detroit too much, because what is happening in Detroit will be happening where you live soon enough.

A <<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-05-24/half-of-detroit-s-streetlights-may-go-out-as-city-shrinks.html>>recent Bloomberg article described Mayor Bing's plan to eliminate nearly half of Detroit's streetlights....

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City officials know that they cannot force people to move from "distressed areas", so they are going to encourage them to leave by cutting off services.

But turning off the lights is not the only way that Detroit is trying to save money.

Recently, officials in Detroit announced that all police stations in the city will be closed to the public for 16 hours a day.

It is so sad to see what is happening to what was once such a great city.

Back in the old days, Detroit had a teeming middle class population.

Today, 53.6% of all children in the city of Detroit are living in poverty.

Back in the old days, Detroit was a shining example of what America was doing right.

Today, 47 percent of all people living in the city of Detroit are functionally illiterate.

Back in the old days, middle class neighborhoods sprouted like mushrooms all over Detroit.

Today, the median price of a home in Detroit is just \$6000.

Needless to say, crime is exploding in Detroit and many families live in constant fear.

Many have taken justice into their own hands. Justifiable homicide in Detroit rose by a staggering 79 percent during 2011.

But Detroit is only one example of a national trend.

For example, a recent article by Jim Quinn entitled "More Than 30 Blocks Of Grey And Decay" described the filth, decay and wretchedness in West Philadelphia.

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Sadly, there are communities like this all over the country. As I wrote about recently, the entire state of California is slowly being transformed into one gigantic cesspool.

Yes, there are still a few areas where the wealthy play that are absolutely beautiful. If you stay in the wealthy enclaves you might never even know that the rest of the state is badly decaying.

There are really good reasons why millions of people are moving out of California.

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Perhaps things are still quite good where you live. Perhaps you think that you will be immune from all this.

Sadly, the truth is that this is just the beginning.

The U.S. economy is actually performing much better than it should be

thanks to the trillions of borrowed dollars that Barack Obama and the U.S. Congress have been spending into the economy.

When our debt-fueled prosperity ends, a lot more cities are going to end up looking just like Detroit.

America cannot prosper without middle class jobs, and those kinds of jobs are rapidly disappearing.

Just this week HP announced that it is going to lay off 27,000 workers.

We are losing middle class jobs at a time when we desperately need more of them.

Last year, 53 percent of all Americans with a bachelor's degree under the age of 25 were either unemployed or underemployed.

Yet our politicians continue to pursue the same foolish policies over and over.

So things are going to continue to get worse and America is going to continue to descend into squalor.

You better get ready.

Related interview...

Chris Hedges "Brace Yourself! The American Empire Is Over & The Descent Is Going To Be Horrifying (3 hours interview) He explains very clearly why the orgy of military spending and subservience to corporate interests is precipitating the collapse of everything, the accelerating upsurge of poverty and the wholesale self-destruction of this country.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zotYU21qcU>

Media Blackout As Obama Appoints First Ever Assassination Czar (May 23, 2012) VIDEO
<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/05/23/media-blackout-obama-appoints-assassination-czar-137181/>

Corporate news blackout as Obama appoints John Brennan as the sole person in charge of designating people to be assassinated. John Brennan, Obama's chief counterterrorism advisor was a name that you did not see on the Mainstream media today as they continue to run stories that serve to distract the masses from stories that matter. Most recently he publicly spoke about the drone program calling it moral and ethical and just. According to reports from the Associated Press, John Brennan has now seized the lead in choosing who will be targeted for drone attacks and raids after Obama delegated him as the sole authority to designate people for assassination under the United States top-secret assassination program. Yes, if it such a secret program then why is the Associated Press running a story on it? Because it is only a "top-secret" matter of National Insecurity when the public and organizations such as the ACLU request more details on it than is revealed in the propagandized reports the public is fed through the corporate media. While this story deserves to have been put before the eyeballs of every U.S. citizens it was merely a side note ran by the Associate Press that didn't make corporate news headlines anywhere. According to the AP, under the new plan, Brennan's staff compiles the potential target list and runs the names past agencies such as the State Department at a weekly White House meeting. At the same time ACLU lawsuits and requests for information about the decision-making process behind the government's assassination program repeatedly get denied with the government claiming the programs are so top-secret that they can neither confirm nor deny the programs even exist.

Further Reading:

US Attorney General Justifies Secret Assassinations of US Citizens
<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/03/06/attorney-general-justifies-secret-assassinations-citizens-91082/>

United States Attorney General says the government has the right to assassinate US citizens and such actions are legal and not unconstitutional - Attorney General Eric Holder on Monday explained why it's legal to murder people - not to execute prisoners convicted of capital crimes, not to shoot someone in self-defense, not to fight on a battlefield in a war that is somehow legalized, but to target and kill an individual sitting on his sofa, with no charges, no arrest, no trial, no approval from a court, no approval from a legislature, no approval from we the people, and in fact no sharing of information with any institutions that are not the president.
~ <<http://www.washingtonsblog.com/2012/03/attorney-general-holder->

says-murder-is-legal.html>David Swanson

I previously provided in-depth coverage on Holder's speech in which he justifies <<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/03/05/holder-targeted-killings-citizens-not-assassination-90922/>>the federal government's secret program of carrying out assassination of US Citizens. As the ACLU points out, these killings are done with

<<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/03/02/aclu-sues-information-targeted-killing-program-89602/>>no judicial oversight and the government refuses to even reveal process by which Americans to secret government "kill lists" that marks American Citizens for assassination. Here are the videos of Holder's speech to watch for yourself, which are followed by the rest of David Swanson's article which takes apart Holder's statements in the same manner I did in my coverage, followed by the ACLU's response to Holder's speech.If you aren't sickened by this, I am afraid it just may take missiles blowing up your house or your neighbors house <<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/02/06/ndaa-trojan-unleashed-massive-military-drone-deployment-airspace-81311/>>by one of the 30,000 drones that have been authorized to deployed over US skies under the same NDAA that authorizes the assassination of US citizen before you realize it is to late.

Legal Experts Destroy Rationale for Obama's Assassination Policy.

<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/03/08/legal-experts-destroy-rationale-obamas-assassination-policy-slam-democrats-supporting-92712>

(...) Northwestern University's law school professor Joseph Margulies said:I defy anyone to read [Holder's] speech and show any differences between Obama and Bush on these issues, They both say we are in a war not confined to particular battlefield. ... Both say we can target citizens without judicial oversight and that can happen anywhere in the world. Columbia law school professor Scott Horton notes that this assassination strategy was created by Dick Cheney, and is being carried out by the Obama administration. CLIP

ACLU Investigating Cover Up Of US Missile Massacre That Killed 21 Children And 14 Women (April 17, 2012)

<http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2012/04/17/aclu-investigating-cover-missile-massacre-killed-21-children-14-women-120441/>

The ACLU and the CCR are trying to force the US government to release information on the cover up of the deadly missile attack that caused the Al-Majalah Massacre.The Wikileaks diplomatic cables have revealed that

the United States government covered up a deadly massacre in Yemen that killed women and children and wiped entire families off of the map. The attack occurred during an assassination strike that was supposed to take a known militant but when all was said and done forty-one civilians, including women and children lie dead in the attack. The Wikileaks cable revealed that the US government had the Yemeni military take the blame for the incident to cover up the massacre and now the US government is being pushed to provide justification for the attack by the ACLU and the CCR through a FOI request. Of course incidents like this have been propagandized by the government to be nothing more than collateral damage and the bought and paid for corporate media is more than happy to act as a stenographer for the government instead of full-filling their purpose under the constitution to protect against such an overbearing government. No amount of Orwellian doublespeak can ever change the fact that this is just one more in the long list of US government war crimes that must be answered for. CLIP

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"Humanitarian War Criminals" in High Office: Was the Houla Massacre Ordered by the Western Military Alliance?

by Prof. Michel Chossudovsky - June 11, 2012

"And thus I clothe my naked villany, ... And seem a saint, when most I play the devil." (William Shakespeare, King Richard III)

It has now been established that the Houla massacre, which has resulted in more than one hundred deaths of men, women and children, was not undertaken by the pro-government militia Shabbiha as claimed in chorus and without evidence by the Western media.

Several authoritative reports, including a recent report of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, confirm unequivocally that "opposition" FSA terrorists were behind these atrocities. (Neue Erkenntnisse zu Getöteten von Hula: Abermals Massaker in Syrien - Politik - FAZ, June 8, 2012)

"Those killed were almost exclusively from families belonging to Houla's Alawi and Shia minorities. Over 90% of Houla's population are Sunnis. Several dozen members of a family were slaughtered, which had converted from Sunni to Shia Islam. Members of the Shomaliya, an Alawi family, were also killed, as was the family of a Sunni member of the Syrian parliament who is regarded as a collaborator. Immediately following the massacre, the perpetrators are supposed to have filmed their victims and then presented them as Sunni victims in videos posted on the internet." (FAZ, op cit. Translated from German).

The FAZ report largely corroborates the report by Russian journalist Marat Musin, which includes detailed testimonies:

"When the rebels seized the lower checkpoint in the center of town and located next to the local police department, they began to sweep all the families loyal to the authorities in neighboring houses, including the elderly, women and children.

Several families of the Al-Sayed were killed, including 20 young children and the family of Abdul Razak. The people were killed with knives and shot at point blank range.

Then they presented the murdered [corpses] to the UN and the international community as victims of bombings by the Syrian army, something that was not verified by any marks on their bodies." (Marat Musin, THE HOULA MASSACRE: Opposition Terrorists "Killed Families Loyal to the Government", Global Research, June 1, 2012 - <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31184>)

These two reports dispel the lies and fabrications of the Western media. Entire pro-government families in Houla were massacred. The terrorists were mercenaries and professional killers operating under the auspices of the self-proclaimed Free Syrian Army (FSA).

An earlier report published in Der Spiegel (March 2012) suggests that the FSA is involved in a routine and organized process of mass-murder. The article focusses on extra-judicial killings in Homs conducted under the mandate of so-called "burial brigades".

A single "burial brigade" in Homs, according to the executioner's

testimony, was responsible for the arbitrary execution of 350-400 people including "prisoners" (Shiite and Alawi) and "traitors" (Sunni). The "traitors" are Sunni civilians within the occupied urban and rural areas, who express their opposition to the rule of terror of the Free Syrian Army (FSA):

"Since last summer, we have executed slightly fewer than 150 men, which represents about 20 percent of our prisoners," says Abu Rami. ... But the executioners of Homs have been busier with traitors within their own ranks than with prisoners of war. "If we catch a Sunni spying, or if a citizen betrays the revolution, we make it quick," says the fighter. According to Abu Rami, Hussein's burial brigade has put between 200 and 250 traitors to death since the beginning of the uprising." (Profile of Rebels in Homs and Their Executioners - SPIEGEL ONLINE, March 29, 2012 - <http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/profile-of-rebels-in-homs-and-their-executioners-a-824603.html>)

The important questions which the Spiegel report does not address are: Who is behind these rebel groups? Who, within the FSA, decides on the categorization of prisoners and "traitors". Bear in mind, the executioner is a young man obeying orders from higher up.

The Houla Massacre: War Propaganda

It is important to underscore the diabolical nature of these killing operations, which are casually blamed on the Al Assad government. They constitute a central component of US-NATO war propaganda. They are intended to trigger "a helpful wave of indignation" against the Al Assad government, thereby harnessing public support for a military intervention on humanitarian grounds. (See Michel Chossudovsky, SYRIA: Killing Innocent Civilians as part of a US Covert Op. Mobilizing Public Support for a R2P War against Syria, Global Research, May 30, 2012 - <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31122>)

Without the unbending support of public opinion, the justification to wage war would collapse like a deck of cards.

The Houla massacre was used not only as a pretext to call for regime change, but also as a justification to isolate Syria politically. Immediately following the announcement of the massacre and prior to the conduct on

an investigation, several Western governments cut off diplomatic relations with Syria. This decision --coordinated by the US State Department-- was apparently planned well in advance of the Houla massacre: "The United States joined several other nations in expelling a senior Syrian diplomat in response to the massacre of more than 100 men, women and children in the Syrian village of Haoula on May 25.... State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said May 29 that the responsibility for the massacre rests "firmly at the feet of the Assad regime" and its militia group, the Shabiha."

At the United Nations Security Council, the Houla massacre became a casus belli, the main justification to wage war on humanitarian grounds. The Security Council was called upon to grant the green light to an R2P NATO intervention against Syria in reprisal for the alleged crimes committed by the government of Bashar Al Assad against the Syrian people.

But what happens now?

Atrocities were committed by units of the Free Syrian Army (FSA), an armed entity directly supported by the US-NATO-Israel military alliance. The Syrian government cannot be held responsible for killings undertaken by rebel forces which were recruited, trained and financed by the US and its allies.

Who is behind these rebel groups? What is the precise nature of the relationship between the FSA and the Western military alliance?

What is the command structure?

What is the nature of this diabolical covert operation?

Who ordered these atrocities against the Syrian people?

Were these issues to be fully revealed to the broader public, the lies and fabrications of the Western media would be exposed. In turn, the pretext to wage an R2P war on Syria would fall flat.

One suspects, in this regard, that a renewed wave of media lies and fabrications will be launched to quell the truth.

But the question remains.

If the Al Assad government is not behind the massacre, what actions

should be taken against those who ordered this massacre? Western governments (US, France, Britain), with the support of Turkey, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Qatar are the prime suspects.

Mercenaries and death squads including al Qaeda affiliated militia were dispatched to Syria as part of a covert intelligence operation. Special forces from several Western countries are acting as military advisers on the ground inside Syria.

What we are dealing with is a criminal undertaking in blatant violation of international law. Those who ordered the killings are the self proclaimed members of the international community.

What stance should be taken by the United Nations against the governments of member states which are complicit in these horrendous crimes against humanity. Perhaps this is a hypothetical question because three of these complicit member states are permanent members of the UN Security Council.

There can, however, be no double standards in international law with regard to crimes against humanity.

The same criteria used, without proof, against president Bashar al Assad, should be applied to those who ordered this diabolical covert operation.

What was the role of the "US regime" and its allies (including its various military and intelligence entities) in channelling covert as well as overt support to the FSA death squads?

Should "regime change" be contemplated in countries whose elected governments are directly or indirectly complicit in the conduct of crimes against humanity? The answer to this question will not come from the UN Security Council, it will emerge from country-level grass-roots actions, in Europe and North America, directed against a criminal and corrupt political system.

There are indications as well as documentary evidence that, from the outset of the insurgency in the border city of Daraa in mid-March 2011, terrorists supported by foreign powers have been involved in the killings of innocent civilians. Israeli intelligence sources (August 2011) confirm an

organized process of recruitment of terrorist fighters by NATO: NATO headquarters in Brussels and the Turkish high command are meanwhile drawing up plans for their first military step in Syria, which is to arm the rebels with weapons for combating the tanks and helicopters ... Also discussed in Brussels and Ankara, our sources report, is a campaign to enlist thousands of Muslim volunteers in Middle East countries and the Muslim world to fight alongside the Syrian rebels. The Turkish army would house these volunteers, train them and secure their passage into Syria. (DEBKAfile, NATO to give rebels anti-tank weapons, August 14, 2011, emphasis added)

The selected articles below provide details on the Houla massacre as well as an analysis of the covert operations and media disinformation campaigns.

The Truth is ultimately a powerful instrument.

Confronting the lies and dismantling the process of media disinformation is an essential component of the anti-war movement.

Michel Chossudovsky, June 10, 2012

SYRIA: NATO's Next "Humanitarian" War? by Prof. Michel Chossudovsky - 2012-06-15

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=29234>

ONLINE INTERACTIVE I-BOOK. The insurgency in Syria is based on the "Libya Model": it is integrated by mercenaries and Al Qaeda affiliated paramilitary brigades supported by British, French and Turkish Special Forces...

SYRIA: Killing Innocent Civilians as part of a US Covert Op. Mobilizing Public Support for a R2P War against Syria - by Prof. Michel Chossudovsky - 2012-05-30

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31122>

US military doctrine envisages the central role of "massive casualty producing events" in which innocent civilians are killed. The killings are carried out as part of a covert operation. The enemy is blamed for the resulting atrocities.

Report: Rebels Responsible for Houla Massacre - by John Rosenthal - 2012-

06-10

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31340>

Armed rebels murdered "entire Alawi families" in village of Taldo in Houla

Propaganda War: Houla Massacre Committed by US-NATO Sponsored "Free Syrian Army". But They Accuse Syrian Government - by Thierry Meyssan - 2012-06-09

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31333>

"THE SALVADOR OPTION FOR SYRIA": US-NATO Sponsored Death Squads Integrate "Opposition Forces"

- by Prof. Michel Chossudovsky - 2012-05-28

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31096>

BREAKING: Prime German Paper: Syrian Rebels Committed Houla Massacre - 2012-06-10

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31339>

Globalists Push Forward With Another New Massacre in Syria - by Patrick Henningsen - 2012-06-08

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31327>

New Round of Civilian Massacres: US-UN Maneuvers Against Syria Upon Baseless Activist Hearsay - by Tony Cartalucci - 2012-06-08

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31317>

Eyewitness account: Media lies about Syria Interview - by Natalia Mihailova - 2012-06-07

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31310>

SYRIA: The Houla Massacre and the Subversion of the Peace Plan - by Prof. Chandra Muzaffar - 2012-06-07

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31300>

VATICAN NEWS: Foreign Fighters, Mercenaries, Terrorists, behind Syria Massacre - by Vatican News (Agenzia Fides) - 2012-06-04

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31245>

"The desolation of Homs and the war of information ": the Words of a Greek-Catholic Bishop

PRESSURES ON RUSSIA: US Attempts to Mass-Murder Its Way to Victory in Syria.

US to Russia: "Give Up" or Swim in Sea of Syrian Blood - by Tony Cartalucci - 2012-06-06

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31276>

VIDEO: US-NATO "Humanitarian Intervention" in Syria: Towards a Regional War?

Latest report now available on GRTV - by Michel Chossudovsky, Nile Bowie - 2012-06-08

<http://tv.globalresearch.ca/2012/06/humanitarian-intervention-syria-towards-regional-war>

Phony 'Houla Massacre': How Media Manipulates Public Opinion For Regime Change in Syria - by Patrick Henningsen - 2012-05-28

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31103>

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NATO's Growing List of Excuses for Intervention

THE HOULA MASSACRE: Opposition Terrorists "Killed Families Loyal to the Government"

Detailed Investigation - by Marat Musin - 2012-06-01

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31184>

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More saber rattling, more posturing, more stupidity, more of the same old same...

From: <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article31902.htm>

At the Precipice of War: U.S. Military Build-Up Accelerates in the Persian Gulf

By Ben Schreiner July 17, 2012

The familiar menace of U.S. war drums have resumed at a fevered pitch, as Iran finds itself once again firmly within the Pentagon's cross hairs.

According to multiple reports, the U.S. is currently in the midst of a massive military build-up in the Persian Gulf on a scale not seen in the region since prior to the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq. The military surge reportedly includes an influx of air and naval forces, ground troops, and even sea drones. Lest one forgets, the U.S. already has two aircraft carriers and their accompanying striker groups in the region.

A growing sense of Iran war fever can also be seen mounting in Washington. For instance, in an effort to foil ongoing nuclear negotiations between Iran and the so-called P5+1 (the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council plus Germany), a bipartisan group of 44 U.S. Senators recently sent a letter to President Obama urging the administration to "focus on significantly increasing the pressure on the Iranian government through sanctions and making clear that a credible military option exists."

Such hawkish posturing occurs despite the fact that the U.S. intelligence community (as well as the Israeli intelligence community, for that matter) finds no evidence that Iran has decided to pursue a nuclear weapon—the ostensible reason behind Western sanctions and threats of attack. Moreover, as an April Pentagon report states, Iran's military doctrine remains one of self-defense, committed to "slow an invasion" and "force a diplomatic solution to hostilities." (Compare this to the U.S. military doctrine rife with notions of global "power projection" and one sees where the credible threat lies.)

The nuclear issue, though, is but a pretext used to veil U.S. imperial designs in the region. As a senior U.S. Defense Department official recently let slip to the New York Times: "This is not only about Iranian nuclear ambitions, but about Iran's regional hegemonic ambitions." In other words, it is about removing one of the last irritants to U.S. power projection in the resource-rich Middle East.

Of course, Iran already finds itself under siege from a lethal trifecta comprised of U.S.-led cyber attacks, Israeli-led assassinations, and

oppressive Western economic sanctions. The latter of which has left ordinary Iranians to confront a toxic mix of ballooning inflation and rampant unemployment. In short, as Conn Hallinan writes at CounterPunch, the West is “already at war with Iran.”

The question, then, is just how far this “war by other means” shall ultimately escalate?

Towards a Dangerous Escalation

Although punitive economic sanctions are frequently sold as an alternative to war, history is replete with evidence to the contrary. In the end, sanctions are often but a prelude to military hostilities. (One only needs to cross over to Iraq and look at the history of Western sanctions and eventual U.S. invasion.)

In fact, a recent report in the New York Times warned of much the same. The current round of Western economic penalties imposed on Iran, the paper wrote, “represent one of the boldest uses of oil sanctions as a tool of coercion since the United States cut off oil exports to Japan in 1940. That experiment did not end well: The Japanese decided to strike before they were weakened.”

But much like the attempted torpedoing of Japan’s economy prior to the Second World War, the current attempt to bring Iran to its knees via economic sanctions may very well be designed to draw an attack from Iran—thus creating a justification for a full-fledged U.S. military campaign to impose “regime change.”

And much the same as in the 1940s, a global crisis of capitalism greases our current path to war. After all, war enables the forcible opening of new markets, along with bounties galore to be wrought via “creative destruction”; both of which are desperately needed for the sustenance of an imperiled economic system predicated on limitless growth and expansion. Indeed, this enduring allure of war has already reared its ugly head amidst the current crisis.

The colonial smash-and-grab that was the 2011 N.A.T.O. intervention into Libya, as Alexander Cockburn has deemed it, was our first evidence that Western elites have settled on war as a means to resolve the current

intractable capitalist crisis. But the spoils from Libya have proven to be insufficient to revive growth stymied since the onset of the 2008 financial crisis.

A heavily sanctioned Iran, on the other hand, boasts a G.D.P. over five times larger than pre-“liberated” Libya, while also sitting atop the world’s third largest oil reserves and the second largest natural gas reserves. A defeated and placated Iran able to be enveloped more fully into the U.S.-dominated capitalist system thus holds great potential for global capitalism’s needed regeneration. Of course, in seizing control over Iran’s energy resources, the U.S. and its allies would also come to possess a monopoly over the Middle East’s energy resources—a strategic key in any future conflict with rivals Russia and China.

And so it is that under the imperative of renewing global capitalism that the U.S. swiftly amasses its military hardware to the Persian Gulf under to cloak of combating nuclear proliferation. The accompanying talk of military hostilities and of using “all options” against Tehran by elites in Washington thus ought not to be taken as idle threats.

Clearly, we stand at the very precipice of outright war.

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From: <http://nowewont.ning.com/profiles/blogs/forced-sterilization-courtesy>

Forced Sterilization: Courtesy of Your ... Corn?

Children of the Corn: GMOs Don't Qualify As Food

C. Stone for Salem-News.com

Antibodies from women with a rare condition known as immune infertility are used in the creation of GMO food.

If GMOs are highly associated with infertility and spontaneous abortions in animals, is a similar rate of infertiltity (20%) occurring in people and are

there increases in spontaneous abortion?

(LONDON) - There has been a concerted national effort by citizens to have the US government label GMOs. Opposing it are government intent not only to keep them unlabeled in the US but efforts at the international level by the US government to remove all labeling of GMOs through Codex. The problem is that Codex applies to food, and GMOs don't qualify.

William Engdahl wrote in March of 2010 about a USDA funded project to create a GM corn that sterilizes people.

http://oilgeopolitics.net/Swine_Flu/Gates_Vaccines/gates_vaccines.html

GMO, glyphosate and population reduction

One long-standing project of the US Government has been to perfect a genetically-modified variety of corn, the diet staple in Mexico and many other Latin American countries. The corn has been field tested in tests financed by the US Department of Agriculture along with a small California bio-tech company named Epicyte. Announcing his success at a 2001 press conference, the president of Epicyte, Mitch Hein, pointing to his GMO corn plants, announced, "We have a hothouse filled with corn plants that make anti-sperm antibodies." 14

Hein explained that they had taken antibodies from women with a rare condition known as immune infertility, isolated the genes that regulated the manufacture of those infertility antibodies, and, using genetic engineering techniques, had inserted the genes into ordinary corn seeds used to produce corn plants. In this manner, in reality they produced a concealed contraceptive embedded in corn meant for human consumption. "Essentially, the antibodies are attracted to surface receptors on the sperm," said Hein. "They latch on and make each sperm so heavy it cannot move forward. It just shakes about as if it was doing the lambada." 15 Hein claimed it was a possible solution to world "over-population." The moral and ethical issues of feeding it to humans in Third World poor countries without their knowing it countries he left out of his remarks.

The questions raised by "[s]permicides hidden in GMO corn provided to starving Third World populations through the generosity of the Gates'

foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and Kofi Annan's AGRA" are many and profound.

1. Isn't GM technology directed beyond third world countries but at all countries in the world, and first and most heavily in the US?

2. Is there a relationship, since the introduction of GM-crops in the US, of how steeply birthrates in the US have fallen?

<http://usgovinfo.about.com/cs/censusstatistic/a/aabirthrate.htm>

U.S. birthrates overall are at an all time low. Continuing a 12-year decline, the U.S. birth rate has dropped to the lowest level since national data have been available ...

Bt-corn was introduced in the US in 1996, three years before the dramatic decline began. "Some seven million acres were planted to Bt corn in 1997 with hybrids primarily from Mycogen, Novartis (formerly Ciba), and Northrup King. Mycogen and Novartis both produce pharmaceutical contraceptives.

5. How would researchers begin to answer questions under number 3 and number 4? when in the US and in many countries, despite consumer demand for labeling, the corporations involved have exerted tremendous pressure to keep GMOs unlabeled and are pushing through Codex to have all GMOs internationally be unlabeled?

Doesn't keeping GMOs unlabeled undermine in any country in which this is the case, scientists' capacity to trace them epidemiologically and to investigate their impact biologically?

Teen birthrates in the US (http://articles.sfgate.com/2010-12-22/news/25295202_1_teen-birthrate-john-santelli-contraception) are inexplicably plummeting. Corporate media, offering no evidence, suggests this is due to the economy, but does not offer a comparison to previous serious economic downturns generating any previous teen birthrates decline. Is there any data showing that teens forgo sex or become more careful about contraception out of concern about jobs? Are unemployed teens, stressed and with time on their hands, more careful, or the opposite?

3. If GMOs are highly associated with infertility and spontaneous abortions in animals (<https://foodfreedom.wordpress.com/tag/don-m-huber/>), is a similar rate of infertility (20%) occurring in people and are there increases in spontaneous abortion? Would GMOs not affect humans who eat not only the crops but the animals who are already so seriously affected by the crops?

4. Where did the Epicyte/USDA corn go? To what countries? To the US as well? To US consumers?

Isn't keeping GMOs unlabeled a virtual form of mandating them, since that lack of information leaves a population prey to them? Does a population have a right to sue the government based on such forced exposure? ? Is there any connection between a current raw milk lawsuit in which the FDA claims the public has no right to choose its food or any right to its health, and the government/corporations creating an additional means of trapping the public into consuming GMOs?

(<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2010/05/29/fda-says-you-have-no-right-to-real-food-unless-they-give-you-permission-first.aspx>)

6. With what other products do manufacturers claim a range of astounding superior qualities (huge yields, ability to compensate for global warming, ...) while marketing them rapidly and aggressively, and yet want them kept unlabeled?

The FDA approved GMOs and kept them unlabeled while Monsanto lawyer Michael Taylor was there, bypassing the requirement for safety tests on human beings. Keeping GMOs unlabeled has meant that the only arena for study has been crop yield data (studies are showing that the biotech claims are exaggerated) and animal studies, but non-labeling has ensured there is little information on human impact. The FDA did not follow the law in providing pre-marketing tests for human safety in consuming GMOs, and in keeping them unlabeled, has ensured that post market safety testing is nearly impossible.

Meanwhile, GE-corn, GE-soy, GE-cotton seed oil, GE-canola, are in most processed foods in the US. Consumers have little idea they are there, little means to distinguish them from other items, and they were never tested for safety for human consumption. Yet studies in animals repeatedly show

severe organ damage

(http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/01/12/monsantos-gmo-corn-linked_n_420365.html) and infertility/sterility

(http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeffrey-smith/genetically-modified-soy_b_544575.html).

7. If the USDA is funding the creation of a corn crop that sterilizes, is it not committing a crime in poisoning those who are on the receiving end? And according to the UN, is it not also committing genocide, a crime against humanity, in damaging the reproductive ability of any group?

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genocide>

But the UN appears to operate on two levels, one that sets international standards for moral/legal behavior and one that is complicit in immoral/illegal acts. The UN itself is involved in forced sterilization (<http://www.independent.org/newsroom/article.asp?id=1417>) and is interested in accelerating fertility decline in the least developed countries (http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/UNPD_policybriefs/.pdf). The UN is also impacted by "the generosity of the Gates' foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and Kofi Annan's AGRA."

The USDA was also involved in developing terminator seeds as were the Rockefellers who have a long history of eugenics and genocide (<http://www.rense.com/general7/gw.htm>) and are the developers of genetic engineering. In developing corn that sterilizes, has the USDA, in fact, also now developed "terminator food"?

Food is defined as "any nourishing substance that is eaten, drunk, or otherwise taken into the body to sustain life, provide energy, promote growth, etc. and by Webster as "material consisting essentially of protein, carbohydrate, and fat used in the body of an organism to sustain growth, repair, and vital processes and to furnish energy."

But based on the incontrovertible harm done to animal organs as animals eat GMOs, do GMO-crops even meet the definition of "food" for animals since they do not sustain life, repair or vital processes, but the opposite?

And if one assumes that "sustaining life" encompasses reproduction, a basic human function that the very basis of life itself, does the USDA's funding of GMOs to sterilize human beings indicate that GMOs for human beings

do not meet the basic definition of "food"?

9. While the biotech companies have balked at labeling GMOs as a means of foisting them upon the world - untested and unknown - there appears a larger problem for them now. The corporations have gotten GMOs into the market and patented using the legalism of "substantial equivalence" to normal organisms, but at the more complex biologic level of food itself, don't GMOs transparently fail to meet the definition and or the biologic function of actual food, since they do not sustain life? And does that make labeling of GMOs truly complex at that point?

10. If GMOs are not "food" by essential biologic criteria and are being designed by the US government and private corporations to damage or end the continuation of life, then would the GMO label more appropriately be weapon?

weapon

1. A thing designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage.

Or more specifically, a bioweapon?

bioweapon

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/bioweapon>

(Military) a living organism or a toxic product manufactured from it, used to kill or incapacitate

And is intentionally keeping them unlabeled so people cannot know where they are or if they are being exposed, is bioterrorism?

Like some of the chemical weapons, biological weapons may also be useful as area denial weapons. These agents may be lethal or non-lethal, and may be targeted against a single individual, a group of people, or even an entire population. They may be developed, acquired, stockpiled or deployed by nation states or by non-national groups. In the latter case, or if a nation-state uses it clandestinely, it may also be considered bioterrorism.[

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biological_warfare#cite_note-wheelis-0]

With the more fitting definition of GMOs, it is easier to appreciate the desire of the US government and corporations to get Codex to remove all labeling from GMOs internationally as a means of maintaining secrecy about its presence and deniability of its impact. But if GMOs' true status is as bioweapons, is it even appropriate to include them under Codex altogether, since they do not meet the essential definition of food? Rather, do they instead need to be dealt with under military treaties dealing with biologic weapons?

To suggest a military basis for GMOs is entirely consistent with a report (http://www.schillerinstitute.org/food_for_peace/kiss_nssm_jb_1995.html) created in the 1970s by Henry Kissinger for the US government. Mr. Engdahl's article described both GMOs and vaccines as means to eugenics and genocide, and food and vaccines (<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/a-universal-declaration-of-resistance-to-mandatory-vaccinations/>) are precisely the means Mr. Kissinger suggested as a solution to world population which he said threatened the security of the US.

Mr. Kissinger is quoted as saying "The elderly are useless eaters." The remark may be a window into Mr. Kissinger's own child rearing background at a time when that expression was commonly used against children. Childrearing practices of the day were predicated on disgust and hatred of children and obsessive fear of their taking food. Does this dovetail with Mr. Kissinger's urging the withholding of food to force nations to reduce their births, and covert sterilization through false "humanitarian vaccines" as another means to achieve it. Was Mr. Kissinger playing out some personal psychological pain by writing a report that suggesting eliminating the births of (repulsive, worthless) children and keeping food away from those (black and brown countries) who produce such children, and in the hands of (deserving) others?

Mr. Engdahl shows without question that the USDA, through genetic engineering, has turned "food" into a means of covert sterilization. Now, it doesn't need to be withheld and nations don't need to accept, under the threat of starvation, radical reductions in the birthrate to satisfy the demands of US policy makers (<http://www.rense.com/general7/gw.htm>). Instead, with GMOs, profits can be procured with GMOs at the same time sterilization of populations

can occur.

GMOs, just like vaccines, can only cause "reduction of populations" if they are "approved" by governments. Is this why the US government and corporations are using the grandest of humanitarian pretexts (to feed the world's poor starving people, to protect the world from starvation from global warming, etc) to justify forcing them - unwanted, untested, and unlabeled - on millions?

In India, a bill was introduced to make it a crime to question the safety GMOs (including in vaccines) - with prison terms attached.

Didn't the Borgias also depend on their guests not knowing what they were eating?

Check also...

Bill Gates talks about 'vaccines to reduce population'
http://oilgeopolitics.net/Swine_Flu/Gates_Vaccines/gates_vaccines.html

Le Génie Génétique: La Plus Grand Escroquerie de Monde

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRzVswdRiKY>

Ce film d'animation montre les conséquences et les risques liés aux principales cultures d'OGM (le soja, le maïs, le coton et le colza). Les effets néfastes sur la diversité biologique, la destruction des forêts tropicales et des paysages naturels nécessaire à la création de champs de cultures OGM ainsi que la pollution des sols et des nappes phréatiques par les insecticides nécessaires à ces cultures constituent les principales conséquences environnementales. Parmi les conséquences économiques et sociales, citons le monopole des grandes multinationales agro-chimiques sur les cultures transgéniques, entraînant une dépendance des paysans à leur égard. Enfin, ce film s'attaque aux mythes tenaces selon lesquels les cultures OGM permettraient de plus hauts rendements et seraient plus à même de lutter contre la pauvreté que les cultures traditionnelles. Voir aussi: Le Monde Selon MONSANTO -

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oza6feCFOZM&feature=plcp>>David contre Monsanto -

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Les OGMs c'est l'horreur totale...

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xfmq42_1-4-jeffrey-smith-la-menace-ogm-s-t_news

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Sent: June-03-12

Subject: Want children? Don't eat corn! - Forced Sterilization: Courtesy of Your... Corn?

Pretty scary...

It reads like something out of a Stephen King horror novel--elitists, corporate agents, and government operatives secretly implementing fertility-control methods, decimating populations of people in a nefarious program that would make Margaret Sanger, a leader of the eugenics movement and founder of Planned Parenthood, proud.

Forget environmental concerns and glow-in-the-dark babies. In fact, forget babies altogether. You don't have to worry about passing along any mutations to your kids because your chances of having them have been compromised. In fact, that's the goal--to reduce your numbers.

How you ask?

Would you believe me if I said... corn?

And not just any corn.

GMO corn.

According to F.W. Engdahl, an American-German freelance journalist, historian, and economic researcher, one long-standing project of the U.S. government has been to perfect a genetically-modified strand of corn. This variety of corn was field-tested over ten years ago, and according to the

president of the small bio-tech firm in charge of that project...

"We have a hothouse filled with corn plants that make anti-sperm antibodies."

Taking antibodies from women with a rare condition known as "immune infertility" and isolating the genes that regulated the manufacture of those antibodies, they inserted them into the corn plants, creating, in essence, a biological weapon for population control.

And who was helping to finance this endeavor? The Gates' Foundation (which includes the Buffet Foundation) and the Rockefeller Foundation, through a project called The Alliance for a Green Revolution, headed by none other than former U.N. Chief, Kofi Annan. Major GMO agri-businesses are reported to be at the heart of AGRA, using it to spread their GMO technology throughout the Third World. According to Engdahl, "Gates and Buffet are major funders of global population reduction programs." Included in this unholy alliance is Ted Turner, who thinks that a 95% reduction in global population to around 300 million would be "ideal."

And remember, the Rockefeller Foundation has been involved in eugenics and genocide since it began funding the eugenics research in Germany in the 1920s and well into the Third Reich. (Seeds of Destruction, F.W. Engdahl.) The Rockefellers backed the forced sterilizations and racial purity ideology of Hitler's Germany.

But how does a Third World program affect us in western civilization? More specifically, how does it affect us here, in the United States?

Shortly after the introduction of GMO corn into the U.S. in 1996, birth rates began falling. Since 1999, birth rates have plummeted even faster - just three years after GMO corn was introduced into the food supply.

GMOs, according to scientists interviewed for the film Science Under Attack, have been known to cause smaller brain size, lowered immunity, organ damage, and infertility in animals fed biotech food. Does this correspond to the 20% rate of infertility occurring in our population today? That's a good question. Unfortunately, agri-giants and our government are suppressing the answers.

Since 2008, the U.S. government has opposed a national effort to label GMO foods. They upped the ante by trying to suppress GMO labeling anywhere in the world, by using Codex, the U.N. arm that seeks to regulate every food, mineral, and herb in the world used for consumption. However, this effort has stalled because Codex doesn't look at GMO created products as "food."

However, Codex does place these products into a special category that can be utilized in alternative applications. (Like birth control, maybe?)

Genetically engineered corn, soy, cottonseed oil, and canola oil are the most processed foods in the United States. These foods have NEVER been tested for safety in human consumption... even though animal studies show severe organ damage, spontaneous abortions, and sterility when consumed.

Take control of your fertility... your health... your life... by taking control of your own food supply. And that's where heirloom seeds come into play.

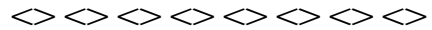
Why heirloom seeds? Heirloom seeds are the way that God made them, naturally occurring, with no tampering or tinkering by human hands. (Choosing seed stock for vigor and growth is NOT the same as introducing foreign genetic material into the DNA of the plant.)

Heirloom Solutions supplies heirloom seeds cultivated through the careful stewardship of small, independent farmers who are holding the line against the inhumane and abusive practices of the agri-giants. These are the farmers that stand in the gap for those of us who realize that our survival depends on us, not the government.

Grow your own vegetables - nutrient dense, bursting with flavor, and naturally resistant to many of the diseases and parasites that plague genetically-modified crops today. But the benefits of gardening and growing your own food go far beyond the physical advantages of health and nutrition. Growing your own food and providing for your family's needs reconnects you to life's natural ebb and flow, the way that God intended.

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Banned in Germany, But You're Probably Still Eating It

By Dr. Mercola - January 31 2012

Monsanto, the world leader in genetically modified (GM) crops and seeds, has been named the worst company of 2011 by Natural Society [<http://naturalsociety.com/monsanto-declared-worst-company-of-2011/>]- for "threatening both human health and the environment."

I couldn't agree more. I have long designated Monsanto the most dangerous corporation on the planet, and clearly this is a growing sentiment ...

According to Forbes

[<http://blogs.forbes.com/jeffmcmahon/2011/04/11/monsanto-modifies-soy-beans-to-grow-fish-oil/>] :

"Monsanto is so despised by environmentalists that Google's first suggested search term for the St. Louis company is 'Monsanto evil.'

Readers... voted Monsanto the world's most evil corporation in a January poll, giving the corporation a whopping 51 percent of the vote."

What's Wrong With Monsanto?

You may be wondering what Monsanto -- the world's largest seed company whose net income for the first quarter of fiscal year 2012 totaled \$126 million (up from \$9 million in 2011) --- has done to have earned such ire.

The list is long, easily enough for a novel, but to sum it up, biotech giant Monsanto has created some of the most dangerous products on the planet, including Agent Orange, dioxin, recombinant bovine growth hormone (rBGH)... and genetically modified seeds.

The latter is one of the most pressing concerns because GM crops are now a mainstay of American agriculture.

Ninety percent or more of all US-grown corn, soybeans, canola, and sugar beets are genetically modified versions, which means that virtually all processed food items contain at least one or more genetically modified ingredients.

GM foods are, from what I perceive, one of the most significant threats that we have against the very sustainability of the human race. Why? In a nutshell, these toxins are being linked to a growing repertoire of assaults against human health and the environment -- and they are already migrating into fetal blood, which means future generations are now at risk.

Monsanto is Destroying the Food System Via Their GMO Crops

Virtually all of the claims of benefit of GM crops – increased yields, more food production, controlled pests and weeds, reductions in chemical use in agriculture, drought-tolerant seeds – have not materialized.

The Global Citizens' Report on the State of GMOs states

[<http://image.guardian.co.uk/sys-files/Environment/documents/2011/10/19/GMOEMPEROR.pdf>]:

- Contrary to the claim of feeding the world, genetic engineering has not increased the yield of a single crop.

- Herbicide tolerant (Roundup Ready) crops were supposed to control weeds and Bt crops were intended to control pests. Instead of controlling weeds and pests, GE crops have led to the emergence of super weeds and super pests ... Herbicide resistant crops such as Roundup Ready cotton can create the risk of herbicide resistant "superweeds" by transferring the herbicide resistance to weeds.

- Despite claims that genetically modified organisms (GMOs) will lower the levels of chemicals (pesticides and herbicides) used, quite the opposite has occurred, with 1.6 billion pounds of glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup) being applied to American soil in 2007 alone. This is of great concern both because of the negative impacts of these chemicals on ecosystems and humans, and because there is the danger that increased chemical use will cause pests and weeds to develop resistance, requiring even more chemicals in order to manage them.

- Monsanto has been claiming that through genetic engineering it can breed crops for drought tolerance and other climate-resilient traits. This is a false promise.

- Among the false claims made by Monsanto and the Biotechnology industry is that GE foods are safe. However, there are enough independent studies to show that GE foods can cause severe health damage.

Thanks to glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's non-selective, broad-spectrum herbicide Roundup, that is sprayed on massive acreages of GM Roundup Ready soybeans, cotton, and corn grown in the United States each and every year, super weeds are growing at an alarming rate. It's estimated that more than 130 types of weeds spanning 40 U.S. states are now herbicide-resistant, and the superweeds are showing no signs of stopping. In fact, the situation is getting progressively worse.

Extremely hardy Roundup-resistant weeds are already boosting costs and cutting crop yields for U.S. farmers. And with world food stores already strained, diminished crop production is a serious problem. In addition, the creation of these superweeds is leading farmers to douse their fields with ever increasing amounts of herbicides in a desperate attempt to stop their spread.

Along with the environmental devastation, research published in 2010 showed that glyphosate causes birth defects [<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2011/10/07/are-you-being-kept-in-the-dark-about-birth-defects-from-weed-killers.aspx>]in frogs and chicken embryos at far lower levels than used in agricultural and garden applications. And numerous animal studies suggest reproductive problems are a common side effect of glyphosate exposure and the

consumption of genetically engineered Roundup Ready crops.

Quite shockingly, the amount of glyphosate residue you can be exposed to through food is remarkably high, and is very close to the maximum residue limit (MRL) legally allowed. According to GMO expert Jeffrey Smith,

[<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2010/10/05/dont-eat-these-beans-if-youre-thinking-of-having-children.aspx>]there is so much glyphosate in GM soybeans, when they were introduced, Europe had to increase their allowable residue levels by 200-fold! For more information, please listen to this informative interview with Dr. Don Huber, an expert in an area of science that relates to the toxicity of genetically engineered (GE) foods.

Dr. Mercola Interviews Dr. Huber about GMO

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4swW9OFmf8&feature=player_embedded

Download Interview Transcript

<http://mercola.fileburst.com/PDF/ExpertInterviewTranscripts/InterviewDrHuber-Part1.pdf>

Why GM Foods Should be Labeled with a Skull and Crossbones

Monsanto wants you to simply trust them because they're "experts" and because their industry-funded studies "prove" their GM foods are safe. But these same experts also told you PCB's, Agent Orange, and DDT was safe, and we now know those claims were far from accurate.

Of course, in terms of reliability, there's a big difference between corporate science, which tends to primarily favor and support corporate interests, and independent science, performed without preconceived bias. Scientists have, in fact, discovered a number of health problems related to genetically modified foods, including:

- An analysis of 19 animal studies

[<http://www.enveurope.com/content/23/1/10>] revealed that nearly 10 percent of blood, urine, organ and other parameters tested were significantly influenced by GMOs, with the livers and kidneys faring the worst.

- A 2009 Brazilian study

[<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ar.20878/full>] discovered that female rats fed GM soy for 15 months showed significant changes in their uterus and reproductive cycle, compared to rats fed organic soy or those raised without soy.

- A study performed by Irina Ermakova with the Russian National Academy of Sciences reported that more than half the babies from mother rats fed GM soy died

[<http://www.responsibletechnology.org/utility/showArticle/?objectID=299>] within three weeks, while the death rate in the non-GM soy group was only 10 percent. Additionally, the babies in the GM group were smaller, and, worst of all, could not reproduce. In a telling coincidence, after Ermakova's feeding trials were completed, her laboratory started feeding all the rats in the facility a commercial rat chow using GM soy. Within two months, the infant mortality facility-wide reached 55 percent.

- Milk treated with the Monsanto-developed genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (rBGH) contains higher levels of insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1), a hormone linked to breast, prostate and colon cancers in humans.

Evil Monsanto Continues to Spread its Poisonous Tentacles

Genetically engineered seeds are banned in Hungary

[<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2011/08/09/hungary-destroys-all-monsanto-gmo-corn-fields.aspx>], as they are in several other European countries, such as Germany and Ireland. Peru is also following the precautionary principle, and has even passed a law that bans genetically modified ingredients within the nation for 10 years.

[<http://naturalsociety.com/peru-passes-monumental-ten-year-ban-on-genetically-modified-foods/>]

In the United States, certain states are passing legislation that protects the use of GM seeds and allows for unabated expansion.

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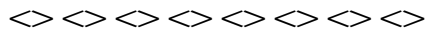
Our revised Non-GMO Shopping Guide has features over 150 brands currently enrolled in the Non-GMO Project. This purse/pocket-sized guide will help you identify and avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms (GMOs) foods while you shop

The World According to Monsanto – full movie 1 hour 49 min.

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There's nothing they are leaving untouched: the mustard, the okra, the bringe oil, the rice, the cauliflower. Once they have established the norm: that seed can be owned as their property, royalties can be collected. We will depend on them for every seed we grow of every crop we grow. If they control seed, they control food, they know it -- it's strategic. It's more powerful than bombs. It's more powerful than guns. This is the best way to control the populations of the world. The story starts in the White House, where Monsanto often got its way by exerting disproportionate influence over policymakers via the "revolving door". One example is Michael Taylor, who worked for Monsanto as an attorney before being appointed as deputy commissioner of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1991. While at the FDA, the authority that deals with all US food approvals, Taylor made crucial decisions that led to the approval of GE foods and crops. Then he returned to Monsanto, becoming the company's vice president for public policy.

Thanks to these intimate links between Monsanto and government agencies, the US adopted GE foods and crops without proper testing, without consumer labeling and in spite of serious questions hanging over their safety. Not coincidentally, Monsanto supplies 90 percent of the GE seeds used by the US market. Monsanto's long arm stretched so far that, in the early nineties, the US Food and Drugs Agency even ignored warnings of their own scientists, who were cautioning that GE crops could cause negative health effects. Other tactics the company uses to stifle concerns about their products include misleading advertising, bribery and concealing scientific evidence.



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From:

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Over a Barrel

By Bryan Walsh - July 16, 2012

There's one major loser from inexpensive oil, especially if it's managed poorly, and that's the environment.

The 2012 election was supposed to be decided by sky-high gas prices. A gallon of regular gas cost more on average during 2011 than it ever had before, and in the first few months of the year, amid growing tensions in the Middle East, there seemed to be no limit to how expensive oil could get. But since Brent crude--a benchmark used by oil markets--reached \$128 a barrel in March, oil has been on a long downward slide, falling below \$90 a barrel, with investors expecting further declines. All of which means that gas could be closer to \$3 a gal. than \$4 come election time.

Lower oil prices are good news for President Obama and good news in general for the global economy. The U.S. will benefit especially from the fact that much of the new cheap oil production will come from domestic sources, including the shale oil found in booming North Dakota. But there's one major loser from inexpensive oil, especially if it's managed poorly--and that's the environment. The one clear benefit of reaching peak oil--when the world was expected to run out of easily accessible crude--was that it would force the world to find alternatives fast. But if we can count on cheap oil for years and even decades to come, it's going to be that much tougher to break our addiction to crude.

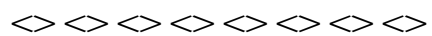
Since the burning of oil is responsible for about 40% of the greenhouse gases that come from fossil fuels--second only to coal--this has serious implications for climate change. NASA climatologist James Hansen may not have been far off when he predicted several years ago that tapping the vast Canadian oil sands--one of the new sources that will likely boost

crude production in the years to come--could mean "game over" for the climate.

Why are oil prices falling so fast? Much of it is due to worries over a global economic slowdown. Recessions, after all, reduce demand for oil, and reduced demand means lower prices. But some analysts believe we could be on the brink of a major surge in global oil production, which would lower prices tremendously. A new report published by Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs predicts that global oil-output capacity is likely to grow nearly 20% by 2020, to some 110 million barrels a day. "Contrary to what most people believe, oil-supply capacity is growing worldwide at such an unprecedented level that it might outpace consumption," wrote Leonardo Maugeri, a former oil-industry executive and the author of the Belfer Center report. "This could lead to a glut of overproduction and a steep dip in prices."

More immediately, though, a collapse in the price of oil is bad news for companies working in clean tech--especially transportation technologies. Start-ups like Massachusetts' A123 Systems, which provides lithium-ion batteries for electric cars, are already struggling to survive the weak economy and could be sunk if gas prices remain below \$3.50 a gal. The same goes for plug-in cars like the Chevy Volt and the Nissan Leaf, which have sold more slowly than automakers expected, even with large government subsidies and, until recently, high gas prices. Cheap oil could set the mainstreaming of electric cars back even further.

This wouldn't be the first time cheap oil undercut what seemed like an imminent green revolution. Alternative-energy investment boomed during the 1970s, when Middle East unrest helped lead to high oil prices and long gas lines. Then when the price of oil collapsed in the 1980s, the nascent alternative-energy sector collapsed along with it. It took years for clean tech to recover from that downturn. With climate change already a dangerous reality--2012 is on track to be the hottest year on record--the world may not be able to withstand another missed chance to break away from oil.



From: <http://delightmakers.com/news/wild-elephants-gather-inexplicably-mourn-death-of-elephant-whisperer/>

Wild Elephants gather to mourn death of “Elephant Whisperer”

(With pictures at the URL above)

For 12 hours, two herds of wild South African elephants slowly made their way through the Zululand bush until they reached the house of late author Lawrence Anthony, the conservationist who saved their lives. The formerly violent, rogue elephants, destined to be shot a few years ago as pests, were rescued and rehabilitated by Anthony, who had grown up in the bush and was known as the “Elephant Whisperer.”

For two days the herds loitered at Anthony’s rural compound on the vast Thula Thula game reserve in the South African KwaZulu – to say good-bye to the man they loved. But how did they know he had died March 7? Known for his unique ability to calm traumatized elephants, Anthony had become a legend. He is the author of three books, *Baghdad Ark*, detailing his efforts to rescue the animals at Baghdad Zoo during the Iraqi war, the forthcoming *The Last Rhinos*, and his bestselling *The Elephant Whisperer*.

There are two elephant herds at Thula Thula. According to his son Dylan, both arrived at the Anthony family compound shortly after Anthony’s death. “They had not visited the house for a year and a half and it must have taken them about 12 hours to make the journey,” Dylan is quoted in various local news accounts. “The first herd arrived on Sunday and the second herd, a day later. They all hung around for about two days before making their way back into the bush.” Elephants have long been known to mourn their dead. In India, baby elephants often are raised with a boy who will be their lifelong “mahout.” The pair develop legendary bonds – and it is not uncommon for one to waste away without a will to live after the death of the other.

But these are wild elephants in the 21st century, not some Rudyard Kipling novel. The first herd to arrive at Thula Thula several years ago were violent. They hated humans. Anthony found himself fighting a desperate battle for their survival and their trust, which he detailed in *The Elephant Whisperer*: “It was 4:45 a.m. and I was standing in front of Nana, an enraged wild elephant, pleading with her in desperation. Both our lives

depended on it. The only thing separating us was an 8,000-volt electric fence that she was preparing to flatten and make her escape. "Nana, the matriarch of her herd, tensed her enormous frame and flared her ears." "Don't do it, Nana," I said, as calmly as I could. She stood there, motionless but tense. The rest of the herd froze. "This is your home now," I continued. "Please don't do it, girl." I felt her eyes boring into me.

"They'll kill you all if you break out. This is your home now. You have no need to run any more." "Suddenly, the absurdity of the situation struck me," Anthony writes. "Here I was in pitch darkness, talking to a wild female elephant with a baby, the most dangerous possible combination, as if we were having a friendly chat. But I meant every word. 'You will all die if you go. Stay here. I will be here with you and it's a good place.'" She took another step forward. I could see her tense up again, preparing to snap the electric wire and be out, the rest of the herd smashing after her in a flash. "I was in their path, and would only have seconds to scramble out of their way and climb the nearest tree. I wondered if I would be fast enough to avoid being trampled. Possibly not." Then something happened between Nana and me, some tiny spark of recognition, flaring for the briefest of moments. Then it was gone. Nana turned and melted into the bush. The rest of the herd followed. I couldn't explain what had happened between us, but it gave me the first glimmer of hope since the elephants had first thundered into my life."

It had all started several weeks earlier with a phone call from an elephant welfare organization. Would Anthony be interested in adopting a problem herd of wild elephants? They lived on a game reserve 600 miles away and were "troublesome," recalled Anthony. "They had a tendency to break out of reserves and the owners wanted to get rid of them fast. If we didn't take them, they would be shot." The woman explained, "The matriarch is an amazing escape artist and has worked out how to break through electric fences. She just twists the wire around her tusks until it snaps, or takes the pain and smashes through." "Why me?" I asked. "I've heard you have a way with animals. You're right for them. Or maybe they're right for you." What followed was heart-breaking. One of the females and her baby were shot and killed in the round-up, trying to evade capture.

The French version of "The Elephant Whisperer" "When they arrived, they were thumping the inside of the trailer like a gigantic drum. We

sedated them with a pole-sized syringe, and once they had calmed down, the door slid open and the matriarch emerged, followed by her baby bull, three females and an 11-year-old bull."Last off was the 15-year-old son of the dead mother. "He stared at us," writes Anthony, "flared his ears and with a trumpet of rage, charged, pulling up just short of the fence in front of us."His mother and baby sister had been shot before his eyes, and here he was, just a teenager, defending his herd. David, my head ranger, named him Mnumzane, which in Zulu means 'Sir.' We christened the matriarch Nana, and the second female-in-command, the most feisty, Frankie, after my wife."We had erected a giant enclosure within the reserve to keep them safe until they became calm enough to move out into the reserve proper."Nana gathered her clan, loped up to the fence and stretched out her trunk, touching the electric wires. The 8,000-volt charge sent a jolt shuddering through her bulk. She backed off. Then, with her family in tow, she strode the entire perimeter of the enclosure, pointing her trunk at the wire to check for vibrations from the electric current.

"As I went to bed that night, I noticed the elephants lining up along the fence, facing out towards their former home. It looked ominous. I was woken several hours later by one of the reserve's rangers, shouting, 'The elephants have gone! They've broken out!' The two adult elephants had worked as a team to fell a tree, smashing it onto the electric fence and then charging out of the enclosure.

"I scrambled together a search party and we raced to the border of the game reserve, but we were too late. The fence was down and the animals had broken out.

"They had somehow found the generator that powered the electric fence around the reserve. After trampling it like a tin can, they had pulled the concrete-embedded fence posts out of the ground like matchsticks, and headed north."

The reserve staff chased them – but had competition.

"We met a group of locals carrying large caliber rifles, who claimed the elephants were 'fair game' now. On our radios we heard the wildlife authorities were issuing elephant rifles to staff. It was now a simple race against time."

Anthony managed to get the herd back onto Thula Thula property, but problems had just begun:

“Their bid for freedom had, if anything, increased their resentment at being kept in captivity. Nana watched my every move, hostility seeping from every pore, her family behind her. There was no doubt that sooner or later they were going to make another break for freedom.

“Then, in a flash, came the answer. I would live with the herd. To save their lives, I would stay with them, feed them, talk to them. But, most importantly, be with them day and night. We all had to get to know each other.”

It worked, as the book describes in detail, notes the London Daily Mail newspaper.

Anthony was later offered another troubled elephant – one that was all alone because the rest of her herd had been shot or sold, and which feared humans. He had to start the process all over again.

And as his reputation spread, more “troublesome” elephants were brought to Thula Thula.

So, how after Anthony’s death, did the reserve’s elephants — grazing miles away in distant parts of the park — know?

“A good man died suddenly,” says Rabbi Leila Gal Berner, Ph.D., “and from miles and miles away, two herds of elephants, sensing that they had lost a beloved human friend, moved in a solemn, almost ‘funereal’ procession to make a call on the bereaved family at the deceased man’s home.”

“If there ever were a time, when we can truly sense the wondrous ‘interconnectedness of all beings,’ it is when we reflect on the elephants of Thula Thula. A man’s heart’s stops, and hundreds of elephants’ hearts are grieving. This man’s oh-so-abundantly loving heart offered healing to these elephants, and now, they came to pay loving homage to their friend.”

His sons say that their father was a remarkable man who lived his life to

the fullest and never looked back on any choices he made.

He leaves behind his wife Francoise, his two sons, Dylan and Jason, and two grandsons, Ethan and Brogan.

Lawrence will be missed by all.

You can buy The Elephant Whisperer book through

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From: Stefanie Fox, Jewish Voice for Peace [info@jewishvoiceforpeace.org]

Sent: 16 May 2012

Subject: A heroic and historic victory

Yesterday morning I felt chills talking to our close allies in Palestine/Israel as they shared with us the news:

<<http://popularstruggle.org/content/palestinian-prisoners-score-heroic-victory>>nearly 2,000 Palestinian political prisoners holding one of the largest hunger strikes in history had succeeded.

As details emerge, we should all look to Palestinian civil society leaders to interpret the nuances of the agreement.

But for now, there is one thing all of us can all agree on. This agreement marks a historic moment in the long history of Palestinian nonviolent resistance to unjust Israeli actions. The success of the massive hunger strike may very well inspire a new generation of unarmed struggle.

Yesterday, as long term strikers entered their 77th day, and 2,000 more approached a full month of refusing all sustenance, Israel was compelled to allow family visits for prisoners from Gaza, end the policy of solitary confinement, and significantly reduce and limit the use of detention without trial, also known as administrative detention.

<<http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=C2PMXgiO%2FI7bGiGkpnGbsviIzn74Sk3g>>The hunger strike inspired unprecedented support throughout Palestinian society and the world. And Jewish Voice for Peace supporters were an important part of the story.

The leaders of unarmed resistance in the villages of Palestine, the Popular Struggle Coordinating Committee, came specifically to Jewish Voice for Peace to ask for our help.

And we did not let them down!

Just hours before the strike ended, we delivered our 8,000 signatures to the United States State Department with our friends at the US Campaign to End the Occupation. And over 500 of us from 350 cities around the world had already volunteered to lead solidarity protests on Thursday. Many thousand more were set to join us.

The news yesterday is surely cause for celebration, and it's also a great reminder of what will be possible if we redouble our efforts in the nonviolent movement for justice in Palestine/Israel. This morning our allies in Palestine/Israel issued a statement about the hunger striker victory and a call for further action.

To read more from Palestinian leaders about the hunger striker victory and what you can do now go at <http://popularstruggle.org/content/palestinian-prisoners-score-heroic-victory>

Stefanie Fox,
Jewish Voice for Peace

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From: newsletter@lists.riseup.net
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How to Kill the Internet

Around the world, there is a magic formula for passing laws to severely limit internet freedom: claim that you must block and monitor traffic in order to prevent child pornography.

If you are like me, your impulse is to stop reading right now. There is nothing that I would like to avoid more than a discussion of child pornography. This unease, of course, is why evoking the specter of child pornography is so effective when attempting to pass controversial legislation. As a new parent to a young hatchling, my first impulse is to support any measure that might prevent even one child from being abused.

However, once you scratch the surface of these attempts to regulate communication in the name of saving children, it's clear that these laws ignore children entirely and work to catch all of society up in a giant web of surveillance and control.

The copyright lobby in Scandinavian countries was the first to figure out the magic formula. Johan Schlüter, head of the Danish Anti-Piracy Group, complained that "politicians don't understand that file sharing is bad." The solution, he said, was to focus on child pornography, "because that's something the politicians understand, and something they want to filter off the Internet... Once we get them to filter child pornography, we can get them to extend the block to file sharing" [1]. This strategy was wildly successful, and has led to a series of laws in Scandinavian countries that allow the government to force ISPs to block certain sites, most of which are sites accused of file sharing. The same story has been repeated in Australia, the UK, South Korea, and others.

More recently, law enforcement agencies around the world are using this magical formula. Police find it hard to convince people in a democracy to submit to totalitarian levels of continuous surveillance -- unless they drape these extensive powers in the cloak of child protection (anti-terrorism used to work, but is less effective these days).

In the US, the same lawmakers who introduced the infamous SOPA bill have another gem: "Protecting Children from Internet Pornographers Act." This bill requires ISP's to retain the internet addresses and billing records of their customers for over a year. Rather than limiting police access to cases involving suspected abuse of children, customer

information would be made available to government agencies for any suspected crime [2].

In the UK, the current government is pushing a bill called the "Communications Data Bill", commonly referred to as the "Snoopers' Charter". This bill would automate the process of allowing police easy access to all the "meta-data" of all online communication (with whom, when, and how long) and require this data be captured and stored by communication providers for over a year. The Home Secretary could order a provider to give the government unrestricted access to datamine all the data that is retained [3].

The audacity of the Snoopers' Charter is impressive and if it sounds too far-fetched to be real, the defense of this bill is equally surreal. In response to criticism, the current Home Secretary, Theresa May, penned a dismissive editorial where she wrote that "conspiracy theorists will come up with ridiculous claims about how these measures infringe freedom." She warns that "paedophiles are avoiding capture because the police cannot get access to all the data they need", and that "without changing the law the only freedom we would protect is that of criminals, terrorists and paedophiles", [4].

In Canada, a similar bill is being advanced by the ruling Conservatives called the "Protecting Children From Internet Predators Act." If passed, it would grant the Canadian police an automated backdoor into ISP's to monitor the historical and real-time digital communications of any Canadian--all without a warrant [5]. The only mention of predators or children is in the title, which used to be called the "Lawful Access Act" [6]. The new name appears to be nothing more than a "rhetorical ploy of appealing to the sake of children to garner support", as the opposition Green Party has suggested [7].

In all these cases, lawmakers are attempting to use "child pornography" as a Trojan horse to enact sweeping new surveillance powers once thought unimaginable in a free society. None of these proposed bills do anything to increase funding for investigation or prosecution of child abuse. Even worse, these measures create the illusion of action while ignoring the evidence-based public health approaches that have been shown to be effective at reducing child abuse [8]. In place of actually protecting children, we get a greatly expanded police state.

Unless encryption is completely outlawed, expanded surveillance powers will do little to catch child pornographers. Sadly, pedophiles are among the few people who practice good communication security. These proposed bills will catch the general population in a giant dragnet of surveillance but will let the child abusers slip through.

Social movements rely on more than the ability to speak, they also require the ability to whisper. Around the world, there has been an all out assault on the right to whisper in the form of attempts to "civilize" the internet. Now we see this assault wrapping itself in the banner of child protection. It is a cynical approach that should be called out for what it is: a distraction from real measures that can help children, and a threat to the possibility of dissent.

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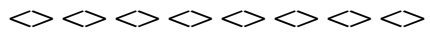
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From: <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31891>

Smart Meter Dangers: The Health Hazards of Wireless Electromagnetic Radiation Exposure

The Latest from Dr. David O. Carpenter

by Dr. Ilya Sandra Perlingieri -- July 13, 2012

Over the past two years, there has been mounting medical and scientific evidence of the grave biological dangers to humans from so-called “Smart” Meters exposure that are being installed by the hundreds of thousands all over North America and Europe. Scientists have been documenting the EMF/RF exposure effects for decades. However, it is only in the last two years, with the constant wireless electromagnetic radiation exposure to these new meters, that other medical evidence (down to the cellular level) has been reported. In the US, there has never been a mandate to force these utility meters on millions of unsuspecting people. There has been no Precautionary Principle used, while corporate greed has abounded. Various utility companies have not told their customers of the dangers. What they told their customers about these new meters was that it would update the grid and help them control individual usage. Customers have not been told about the serious health problems that these RF pulsing meters cause. We have been given no informed consent to this dangerous but invisible exposure.

With broken and unethical global social mores, this is considered standard business practice: to deceive customers, while gaining enormous profits. As long as a “revolving-door” policy remains between corporations and [no longer] public agencies, citizens will not have their medically validated concerns ever addressed. The corporate bottom line, profit, is what counts –not our well-being and safety. Further, the synergistic effects of various wireless technologies combined with other environmental toxins to which we all are exposed daily have not been tested.

Over the past year, I have already personally seen the damage these dangerous meters have done to numerous people and several animals I know --all across the US. Although not generally reported by mainstream media, the serious impacts on peoples' health are already evident. A short list includes: neurological impairment, ear pain and hearing problems, breathing dysfunctions, chest pains and heart ailments, burning skin, sleep disturbances, headaches, depression, vision troubles, blood pressure changes, sterility, autism, and neurodegenerative diseases. There are numerous reports of people who are completely incapacitated from EMF exposure. Several people I know are almost constantly debilitated and housebound, due to city-wide exposure to cell towers and Wi-Fi that has become ubiquitous. Most allopathic physicians are not trained in environmental medicine, and so often symptoms are mis-diagnosed.

On July 8, Global Research published Prof. Tracy's important Smart Meter update, "Looming Health Crisis: Wireless Technology and the Toxication of America":

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31816>

Although Dr. David O. Carpenter notes below that the "evidence of the link between long-term cell phone use and brain cancer comes primarily from Northern Europe", I know personally of two people who have died from glioma cancer. The glioma cancer originated behind the ear where the cell phone was held. This used to be a rare form of malignant brain cancer. It is now thought to be epidemic, but not reported by the media, as more than 6-billion cell phones are in use globally. Senator Ted Kennedy died of glioma cancer.

There is a very long history of "expendable" customers [we're no longer called citizens or people], while multi-national corporations continue to make tremendous profits on dangerous drugs and technologies: toxic shock syndrome; Vioxx; thalidomide, HPV vaccines. This list is very long and well documented. For example, in September 2011, the Los Angeles Time reported "that [prescription] drug deaths now outnumber traffic fatalities in US." See: <http://articles.latimes.com/2011/sep/17/local/la-me-drugs-epidemic-20110918>

What is now termed Electro-Hypersensitivity (EHS), and is recognized in Sweden as a documented debilitating illness, can actually be called poisoning, as humans and all other living organisms are being damaged by

these meters' moment-to-moment RF pulsing rates. For more than 30 years, distinguished professor Olle Johansson, of the Karolinska Institute, Sweden, has been a highly visible and ardent advocate for those who have been harmed by this technology. His scientific research is groundbreaking. In Sweden, more than 248,000 people are ill from EHS. Most laws are completely outdated to address this crisis. In the US and Canada, many poisoned customers cannot opt-out. Or, if this is available to them, customers are charged high opt-out fees as well as monthly fees. It is a win-win situation financially for the various utility companies, while customers are being harmed daily. The corporate bottom line takes precedence over health and safety.

In a Canadian magazine, *La maison du 21e siècle* [the house of the 21st century], Dr. David O. Carpenter, a distinguished physician and former founding dean of the School of Public Health, State University, Albany (New York), has just published a letter called "Smart Meters: Correcting the Gross Misinformation."(**) It is here reproduced in its entirety: CLIP

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NOTE: This original article link above also has numerous medical links.

Also see:

"The Invisible Hazards of Smart Meters"

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=26082>

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From: http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/2012/aug/26/food-shortages-world-vegetarianism?CMP=twf_fd

Food shortages could force world into vegetarianism, warn scientists

August 26, 2012

Water scarcity's effect on food production means radical steps will be needed to feed population expected to reach 9bn by 2050

Leading [water](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/water) scientists have issued one of the sternest warnings yet about global [food](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/food) supplies, saying that the world's [population](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/population) may have to switch almost completely to a vegetarian diet over the next 40 years to avoid catastrophic shortages.

Humans derive about 20% of their protein from animal-based products now, but this may need to drop to just 5% to feed the extra 2 billion people expected to be alive by 2050, [according to research by some of the world's leading water scientists.](http://www.siwi.org/sa/node.asp?node=52&sa_content_url=%2Fplugins%2FResources%2Fresource.asp&id=318)

"There will not be enough water available on current croplands to produce

food for the expected 9 billion population in 2050 if we follow current trends and changes towards diets common in western nations," the report by Malik Falkenmark and colleagues at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) said.

"There will be just enough water if the proportion of animal-based foods is limited to 5% of total calories and considerable regional water deficits can be met by a reliable system of food trade."

Dire warnings of water scarcity limiting food production come as Oxfam and the UN prepare for a possible second global food crisis in five years. Prices for staples such as corn and wheat have risen nearly 50% on international markets since June, triggered by severe droughts in the US and Russia, and weak monsoon rains in Asia. More than 18 million people are already facing serious food shortages across the Sahel.

Oxfam has forecast that the price spike will have a devastating impact in developing countries that rely heavily on food imports, including parts of Latin America, North Africa and the Middle East. Food shortages in 2008 led to civil unrest in 28 countries.

Adopting a vegetarian diet is one option to increase the amount of water available to grow more food in an increasingly climate-erratic world, the scientists said. Animal protein-rich food consumes five to 10 times more water than a vegetarian diet. One third of the world's arable land is used to grow crops to feed animals. Other options to feed people include eliminating waste and increasing trade between countries in food surplus and those in deficit.

"Nine hundred million people already go hungry and 2 billion people are malnourished in spite of the fact that per capita food production continues to increase," they said. "With 70% of all available water being in agriculture, growing more food to feed an additional 2 billion people by 2050 will place greater pressure on available water and land."

The report is being released at the start of the annual world water conference in Stockholm, Sweden, where 2,500 politicians, UN bodies, non-governmental groups and researchers from 120 countries meet to address global water supply problems.

Competition for water between food production and other uses will intensify pressure on essential resources, the scientists said. "The UN predicts that we must increase food production by 70% by mid-century. This will place additional pressure on our already stressed water resources, at a time when we also need to allocate more water to satisfy global energy demand ^ which is expected to rise 60% over the coming 30 years ^ and to generate electricity for the 1.3 billion people currently without it," said the report.

Overeating, undernourishment and waste are all on the rise and increased food production may face future constraints from water scarcity.

"We will need a new recipe to feed the world in the future," said the report's editor, Anders Jägerskog.

A separate report from the <http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/SWW2012/> International Water Management Institute (IWMI) said the best way for countries to protect millions of farmers from food insecurity in sub-Saharan Africa and south Asia was to help them invest in small pumps and simple technology, rather than to develop expensive, large-scale irrigation projects.

"We've witnessed again and again what happens to the world's poor ^ the majority of whom depend on agriculture for their livelihoods and already suffer from water scarcity ^ when they are at the mercy of our fragile global food system," said Dr Colin Chartres, the director general.

"Farmers across the developing world are increasingly relying on and benefiting from small-scale, locally-relevant water solutions. [These] techniques could increase yields up to 300% and add tens of billions of US dollars to household revenues across sub-Saharan Africa and south Asia."

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PARAPROSDOKIANS

Winston Churchill loved them. They are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected, and

frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it is still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
18. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
19. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
20. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
21. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
22. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
23. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
24. Where there's a will, there are relatives.
25. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.