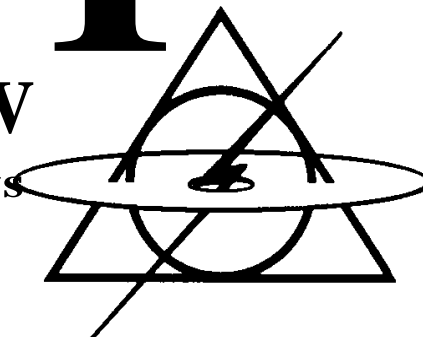


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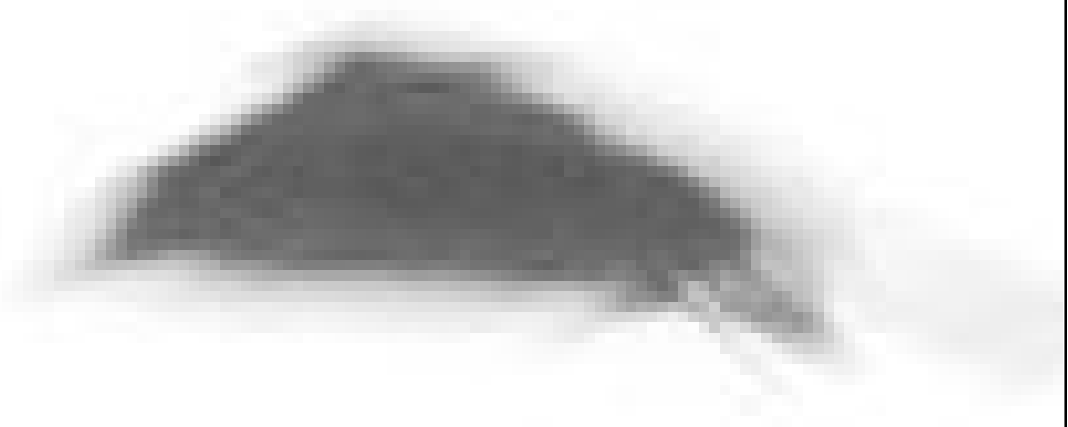
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It is time to awaken to the higher call of our loving Father in heaven whom we affectionately call DAD.

This photo was taken using a Canon SD100 camera on April 26, 2006 at 5:10 P.M. from our 25th floor balcony in Makati-Manila. It looks like one of our “less dense” friends manifested momentarily in this density, long enough at least to leave an indelible impression. We humbly acknowledge the acknowledgment (Salu—Salu!) and are pleased to share this “Kodak moment” with *CONTACT* readers. Based on the relative size of vehicles in the street below, the craft appears to be one of the nimble 7-meter runabouts or “beamships” as Billy Meier described them. We take this as further evidence that mankind stands at the threshold of cosmic brotherhood, with delay subject only to our own demonstration of goodness in willingness to enjoy our cosmic connection.

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U.S. Foreign Policy Steered by ‘Israel Lobby’

This article is about who the real powers are behind the congress in the U.S. as we know it today. This straightforward and honest assessment of the Jewish Lobby in Washington D.C. covers factually the current situation with political pacts and power of organizations such as AIPAC (American Israeli Public Affairs Committee) We thank Ed Haas for the permission to use this article. [QUOTING:]

WHO IS THIS ISRAEL, AND WHAT’S ALL THIS TALK OF AN “ISRAEL LOBBY”?
By Ed Haas, *Muckraker Report*, 4/14/06

April 14 2006 – In March 2006, the London Review of Books published The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy by Professor John J. Mearsheimer, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago and Professor Stephen M. Walt, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.[1] In this working paper, the two authors make the argument that the centerpiece for US Middle Eastern policy, especially since the Six-Day War in 1967, has been developed by the United States based primarily on its relationship with Israel. While many fellow scholars have applauded the authors for having the courage to suggest that the “Israel Lobby” might have too much power and influence in Washington DC, which it in fact does, the mainstream media has blacklisted the merits of this report by only reporting on the backlash of those who are offended by its content.

Mearsheimer and Walt have expectedly been accused of distorting history while being paranoid and conspiratorial. In a Washington Post article, Harvard Law professor Alan M. Dershowitz said the professors “destroyed their professional reputations.” Dershowitz went on to say “We’ve all heard this before, the talk of powerful Jewish lobbies and the language one hears on Arab and extreme right-wing web sites.”[2] In the same Washington Post article, Marvin Kalb, a senior fellow at the Kennedy School said the report was filled with errors such as the assertion that Israeli forces were better armed and positioned than the Arab armies in the 1947 – 1948 war. “It does play into the terrible argument that Jewish no-goodniks control the media and our foreign policy,” Kalb said.

What is most fascinating about the shallow rebukes delivered by Dershowitz and Kalb is their rigid denial that much of anything factual is contained in the report. Kalb for instance focused in on one of the least important statements made in the report to claim it was “filled with errors” even though history clearly demonstrates that the Israeli forces must have been better armed and positioned than the Arab armies in the 1947-1948 war because the Israeli forces won the war. What Kalb claims is an error, suggests in a distorted effort to defend all things Israel at all costs, that the public should dismiss the content of this bold paper while believing that Israeli forces won the 1947-1948 war because they were less armed and poorly positioned against the Arab forces. Talk about an extreme, right wing conspiracy! Wars are won by

being better armed and better positioned than your opponent, even in the Promise[d] Land.

In The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy, the authors make the point that the term “Israel Lobby” is a generic term used to define those who lobby the U.S.

Congress on behalf of Israel and Israeli – United States relations. It would be simply mindless to suggest that such lobbying organizations do not exist. They are as matter of fact as the out-of-control federal government operating in Washington DC itself today. The question isn’t if these lobbying groups exist, but rather who they are, and how much influence do they actually wield on Capitol Hill?

In the June 10, 2002 edition of The Nation, Michael Massing wrote an article titled, The Israel Lobby.[3] In this piece, Massing reported on a May 2, 2002 vote by the U.S. Congress, which basically expressed the United States’ unqualified support for Israel in its recent (2002) military actions against the Palestinians. The vote in the Senate was 94 to 2 and in the House, 352 to 21. According to Massing, the media coverage regarding this overwhelming resolution to support Ariel Sharon’s militarized and oppressive handling of the Palestinians failed to research and report on the real causes behind such a bipartisan, blind vote in favor of a resolution that proved to later hamper the restart of peace talks; a resolution that now retired, South Carolina Senator Fritz Hollings suggested was actually motivated by “senators after campaign contributions”. Who then would those senators be seeking campaign contributions from?

Massing indicated that the real story behind the lopsided resolution vote is the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. The AIPAC is widely regarded as the most powerful foreign-policy lobby in Washington DC and by other accounts, the most powerful lobby period, except for perhaps the Association for the Advancement of Retired Persons (AARP). Describing the AIPAC, Massing wrote, “Its 60,000 members shower millions of dollars on hundreds of members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. It also maintains a network of wealthy and influential citizens around the country, whom it can regularly mobilize to support its main goal, which is making sure there is “no daylight” between the policies of Israel and of the United States.” As powerful, influential, and often intimidating as the AIPAC is, Massing is quick to point out that the mainstream media reports on Congressional votes that serve Israeli interests and policies as if the AIPAC does not even exist and therefore had nothing to do with the outcome of how members of the U.S. Congress voted.

The authors of The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy make the same observations. According to the report, “In 1997, Fortune magazine asked members of Congress and their staffs to list the most powerful lobbies in Washington. AIPAC was ranked second behind the AARP, but ahead of heavyweight lobbies like the AFL-CIO and the National Rifle Association (NRA). A National Journal study in 2005 reached a

similar conclusion, placing the AIPAC in second place (tied with AARP) in the Washington’s “muscle rankings.” Again, it must be emphasized that the question is not whether there is an “Israel Lobby” but rather how much power does the “Israel Lobby” command and wield in Washington DC.

Exactly how does the AIPAC accomplish its goals? What about the other groups / supporters that are defined as part of the “Israel Lobby”? Who else is supporting these lobbying groups and why? What is the real agenda and does it in fact place what’s best for the United States behind what’s best for Israel? The Muckraker Report interpretation of the working paper by Professors Mearsheimer and Walt is that the writing is on the wall if the American people want to read and comprehend it. What follows are the key elements of the Mearsheimer / Walt report pertaining to the “Israel Lobby.”

It wields significant influence in Washington, pressuring both Congress and the Executive branch to support Israel down the line.

The Lobby strives to ensure that public discourse about Israel portrays it in a positive light with the goal being to prevent critical commentary from getting a fair hearing in the political arena.

The Lobby controlling the debate is essential to guaranteeing U.S. support for Israel because a candid discussion of U.S.-Israeli relations might lead Americans to favor a different policy.

By controlling the debate, the Lobby’s effectiveness is its influence in the U.S. Congress, where Israel is virtually immune from criticism.

AIPAC’s success is due to its ability to reward legislators and congressional candidates who support its agenda, and to punish those who challenge it.

AIPAC makes sure that its friends get strong financial support from the myriad pro-Israel political action committees.

AIPAC organizes letter-writing campaigns and encourages newspaper editors to endorse pro-Israel candidates.

Members of Congress, for research and information, often turn to AIPAC before staffers call the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, committee staff or administration experts.

The conclusion made by Mearsheimer and Walt is that AIPAC is a de facto agent for a foreign government and has a stranglehold on the U.S. Congress. As former South Carolina Senator Fritz Hollings said in 2004, “You can’t have an Israeli policy other than what AIPAC gives you around here.”[4] What was the “Israel Lobby” response to the Hollings’ remarks? After all, Mearsheimer and Walt contend that the lobby works to portray Israel in a positive light while striving to prevent negative commentary. How did the “Israel Lobby” control the debate, particularly after Hollings proclaimed that the Iraq war is being fought for Israel, and said in defense of his proclamation, “That is not a conspiracy. That is the policy. Everybody knows it because we want to secure our friend, Israel.”?

On May 23, 2004, Global News Service of the

Jewish People (JTA) published an article by Matthew E. Berger titled, Not so gentle rhetoric from the gentleman from South Carolina.[5] Virtually every fact that Mearsheimer and Walt reported in their working paper on the “Israel Lobby” is validated in the JTA piece. What follows are key points from the Berger article:

Hollings comments come as Democrats are fighting to retain support among Jewish voters and campaign donors because President Bush’s vigorous prosecution of the war on terrorism and his strong support for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon have made him unusually popular, for a Republican, with Jewish voters.

Several American Jewish organizations reacted strongly to Hollings’ column, suggesting he was scapegoating the Jewish community and providing ammunition for anti-Semitic attacks.

Some pro-Israel lobbyists say he (Hollings) has a poor voting record on Israel.

Several American Jewish organizations rebuked Hollings for his column.

“Regardless of whether one feels that America’s war on Iraq was justified, the charge that it is being fought by the U.S. on behalf of Israel grossly misrepresents the legitimate U.S. interests that are involved in the debate,” Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, wrote in a letter to Hollings.

The National Jewish Democratic Council did not speak out against Hollings until two weeks after the column appeared. The council had won praise a year earlier when it was the first Jewish group to criticize Rep. James Moran (D-VA) for suggesting that the Jewish community had pressed for the Iraq war.

Ira Forman, the council’s executive director, said his group had not spoken out because publicizing Hollings’ original comments might have fueled anti-Jewish sentiment.

In response to Hollings specifically attacking AIPAC, the spokesman for AIPAC, Josh Block said he would not comment on the Hollings’ statement, referring questions to other Jewish organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

As Mearsheimer and Walt point out, the “Israel Lobby” is quick to tag as anti-Semitic anybody who dares speak of its work and methodology, which is exactly how it responded to the Hollings’ comments. Politicians across the United States fear such a label and so does the media. Recall that fellow professors commended Mearsheimer and Walt for the courage to write The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy. Why was courage necessary? Listen to what some anonymous sources in the JTA article had to say and you decide whether the “Israel Lobby” is a real force that could be wielding enough power in Washington to influence U.S. policy into a shape that is pleasing and favorable to Israel. Said one senior Democratic staff member who spoke on condition of anonymity, “Senator Hollings eloquently stated what many members of Congress believe but are too afraid to say.” According to JTA, the staffer went on to say that “lawmakers fear they’ll lose elections if they don’t support AIPAC. More likely, they’ll lose key fund-raising support or be deluged with calls and appearances from pro-Israel lobbyists and constituents.” If this isn’t a pro-Israeli lobby having a stranglehold on the U.S. Congress, what than I ask, is?

According the Mearsheimer and Walt paper, when 2004 presidential candidate Howard Dean called for the United States to take a more “even-handed role” in the Arab-Israeli conflict, Senator Joseph Lieberman accused him of selling Israel down the river and said

his statement was “irresponsible.” Mearsheimer and Walt go on to say that virtually all top Democrats in the House signed a hard-hitting letter to Dean criticizing his comments, and the Chicago Jewish Star reported that “anonymous attackers are clogging the e-mail inboxes of Jewish leaders around the country, warning, without evidence, that Dean would somehow be bad for Israel.” It is worth noting that the downfall of Dean proved to be the audio manipulation by the media of his now infamous, “I have a scream speech” in which the actual background noise in and of the crowd of Dean supporters was turned off and the microphone in which he was speaking into turned on, thus creating the news clip that made him look and sound like a pro-wrestler gone mad. All Dean said was that the U.S. might consider taking a more “even-handed role” in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and his bid for the Presidency was taken to the mat by a mystery super fly coming off the top rope of the political squared circle!

This article would be incomplete if the Muckraker Report did not describe, in biblical terms, another critical component to the success of the “Israel Lobby” operating in the United States. It would be a great disservice to the reader to not talk about the Christian Zionists that, driven by faith in a literal second coming of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, believe in their hearts that there is a higher purpose and prophesy yet to be fulfilled, and that fulfillment is contingent on the survival of Israel. It is without debate that many Christians believe that the establishment on May 15, 1948 of the Jewish state now called Israel was a fulfillment of biblical prophecy that was a necessary prelude to the second coming of Jesus Christ. In the Book of Jeremiah it is written,

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them, and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Jeremiah 16: 14-16

American Christians primarily support Israel from a biblical perspective and not a policy perspective. Over 40 million evangelical Christians living in the United States believe that we are living in the end times as described in the Book of Revelation. Ever since Y2K, the turn of a new millennium in the year 2000, hundreds of millions of Christian books have been sold pertaining to the end of the world and the second coming of Jesus Christ. For example, the Left Behind series, with sales of more than 62,000,000 copies, comprise the fastest-selling adult fiction series ever. Seven of the titles reached number one on the New York Times bestseller list as well as those of USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, and Publishers Weekly.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Left Behind series, it is a set of twelve books, with volume one telling the story of Christians being “raptured” or lifted up to heaven at the beginning of the “great seven year tribulation” as described in the Book of Revelation. As God’s wrath is poured out on the world, Israel, particularly Jerusalem, takes center stage when the antichrist enters the Holy of Holies and commits the Abomination of Desecration of the Jewish Temple by proclaiming himself God, Lord, and Savior. There is some debate among Christians as to how the original Jewish Temple will be rebuilt so that this prophesy can be fulfilled, but the majority believe in a literal rebuilding of the Jewish Temple, which is even

more the reason to be pro-Israel. Simply put, Israel must not only survive, but it must also be able to deal with the problem of the Dome of the Rock. The Dome of the Rock is the Muslim Shrine erected in 691A.D. on the spot where Muslims believe Muhammad ascended to Heaven during his Night Journey to Jerusalem. The Rock also refers to the spot where Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac. Jews believe the Dome is built on the original site of the Jewish Temple, and so do Christians!

It is fascinating to consider world events, particularly the War in Iraq, and the overall U.S. policy to change Muslim countries into democracies rather than theocracies. Is it possible that U.S. military might and imperialist policy is fulfillment of prophesy prerequisites aimed at weakening the will and unity of Muslims to such a degree that the Jews will be free from any real national security threat to demolish the most sacred Muslim shrine in the world so that the Jewish Temple can be rebuilt? Is it possible that Christian Zionists, many of which now rule the United States with an iron fist, also see their role in U.S. policy as secondary to their yearning to be the generation that does not know a natural death, the generation that does not pass away but is raptured out of the great tribulation? For some this is scary, scary stuff. For others, it’s the love of God. To understand this further, the question that needs to be answered is who is this Israel and is the Israeli state of May 15, 1948 actually part of the second coming equation?

From a biblical point of view, Israel was first a person, and then a people. In the Book of Genesis it is written,

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. Genesis 32:28

There is some important biblical genealogy to consider at this point. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Shem was the ancestor of Abraham. God’s blessing and promise was given and placed upon Abraham. Jews, Christians, and Muslims all share this belief. Abraham was the father of Isaac who fathered Jacob. Jacob was renamed Israel by God as revealed in Genesis 32:28. Jacob was the father of Joseph who was the father of Ephraim and Manasseh. It is revealed that the ‘Birthright Blessings’ of God’s Covenant Promise was passed by Jacob (Israel) unto Ephraim and Manasseh in Genesis 48:13-16.

And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel’s left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand, and brought them near unto him

And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim’s head who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh’s head guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the first-born.

And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who fed me all my life long unto this day,

The angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. Genesis 48:13-16

Why all this talk and reference to the Bible and God’s Covenant Promise given to Abraham that passed to Jacob (Israel) that passed through Joseph to two of his son’s, Ephraim and Manasseh? The point in all of this is that if you are a Christian, particularly a Christian that has faith in the end times and the

literal second coming of Jesus Christ, and that faith involves God’s chosen people as the great tribulation unfolds, then you have to ask yourself, does the Zionist state of Israel as defined by world maps of today represent the genealogical peoples of Ephraim and Manasseh of whom God’s blessing and covenant is upon? Point blank – does every person who calls himself or herself a Jew and lives in Israel today necessarily represent God’s promise and God’s chosen people in the biblical context? It is hardly likely if you seriously consider the historical facts in the light of the Bible. Another key point that must be considered is that the biblical Promised Land is called Canaan and encompasses a far greater territory than that of the state of Israel. The fact is that the borders of Israel as we know it today were drawn by men with armies, and not by God! Yet Christian Americans today regard the state of Israel as it emerged in 1948 and exists today as the biblical Israel, which as described herein was a people, not a state.

On February 4, 2006, Israel News source, Haaretz Daily, reported that U.S. Christian televangelist, John Hagee plans to launch a Christian pro-Israel lobby.[6] In the Haaretz piece by reporter, Shiomom Shamir, Reverend Hagee is reported to have said that his group would be a Christian – and more powerful – version of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Hagee said that his pro-Israel lobby would target senators and congressmen on Capitol Hill. He claims that a quarter of all congressmen are evangelicals, and many American legislators represent regions that include a large evangelical population. Hagee is also reported to have said to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that the evangelical support Israel from a biblical perspective, but did not explain exactly what that meant. The Muckraker Report on the other hand, just did. The point is that Christian Zionists and evangelicals support Israel for biblical purposes. Jerusalem is a holy city for Christians as well as Jews and Muslims.

Is it not peculiar how Hagee said that his Christian pro-Israel lobby would be more powerful than AIPAC? When asked to respond to Senator Hollings’ comments, is it not interesting that AIPAC referred responses to other pro-Israel interest groups? It certainly does demonstrate a network of a powerful pro-Israel lobbyists operating in Washington but does it necessarily indicate that the “Israel Lobby” is controlling U.S. foreign policy? Does the fact that a divided Iraq is in deed favorable to Israeli security, divide and conquer, indicate that the U.S. invaded Iraq because it’s what the “Israel Lobby” wanted? Israel certainly favored the toppling of Saddam Hussein and the decentralization of power and control in Iraq, but then again, Iran also favors the ousting of the Hussein regime. Iran doesn’t care much for U.S. troops as their next door neighbors, but make no mistake about it, after Saddam Hussein used chemical weapons on the Iranian people during the Iran – Iraq War killing and disfiguring millions of Persians, seeing his power crumble, even in the hands of Americans, was initially, and granted, temporarily pleasing to Iran.

A better and current understanding of the “Israel Lobby” is found in current Israeli comments regarding speculation that the Bush Administration already has a bombing date “penciled in” for Iran; an allegation that Bush denies. On April 12, 2006 the Washington Post ran an article by Luke Baker titled Israel reacts warily to Iran’s nuclear progress.[7] According to the Baker piece, Elder Israeli statesman Shimon Peres, responding to Iran’s declaration that it has successfully enrich uranium said, “The United States has placed this at the top of its agenda. I do not recommend that we should be involved. I am sure the United States

is aware of the expected danger and the matter is in its hands.” Think about what Peres has said. Iran leadership has said it venomously opposes Zionism and would like to wipe the Zionist state of Israel off the map, and a former Prime Minister of Israel, Shimon Peres says “The United States has placed this at the top of its agenda.” It should be obvious to the reader that Peres is completely confident that Israeli security is in the United States’ best interests and therefore “we” will handle Iran.

Israel’s chief of military intelligence, Amos Yadlin, is reported to have said that he “urges” an acceleration of efforts to stop Iran’s enrichment program. Think about it! The Chief of Israeli Military Intelligence is urging acceleration of efforts to stop Iran’s nuclear program! Who is it that Yadlin is urging and what role is his country going to play in the effort? The answer is that Israel is urging the United States to “handle” Israel’s current and greatest threat - Iran, even though Israel has by far, the most powerful and sophisticated nuclear military in the region. But because of what atrocities the Israelis have inflicted on the Palestinians, they are so hated in the region that the U.S. feels compelled to fight its battles so that Arab-Israeli tensions do not deteriorate further, rather than allow Israel to deal with its own regional problems absent the might of the U.S. military. Maybe if the U.S. would take a more even-handed approach in the region, Israel would be more willing to behave neighborly and humanly. Instead the U.S. gives Israel, an unchecked nuclear power, \$3 billion a year to fight its battles with American blood and American taxpayer dollars in a distorted effort to improve the chances for peace in the Middle East.

Meanwhile back in Washington, the “Israel Lobby” is churning out the Iran nuclear threat rhetoric through the controlled media and lambasting any person or group that suggests that the lobby has a stranglehold on U.S. foreign policy. Politicians fear speaking out against anything AIPAC says or does and professors apparently risk their careers to state the obvious – that the U.S. Congress is bought and paid for by a foreign lobbying effort that has, can, and will make or break a political career. Christians have fallen for the bait by believing that the Zionist Israel of today is the biblical Israel and the forerunner to the second coming of Jesus Christ, when it is not.

It can be concluded that the “Israel Lobby” only wields its power in Washington because of the evangelical belief that the state of Israel is the biblical Israel. As fundamentalists and Zionist Christians cling to the belief that we are living in the end times, hundreds of millions of Christians have turned to the Book of Revelation in an attempt to uncover what will happen next in the world and gauge how close “we” are to the “rapture” of the church. Yet for as many as are devoted to Israel and the Book of Revelation, few if any evangelical and apocalyptic Christians are studying and considering the meaning of Revelation 2:9 and 3:9.

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Revelation 2:9

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but so lie; behold, I will make them come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Revelation 3:9

Who is this Israel and who are those that say they are Jews and are not, but so lie? As a Christian man, although I concede one of the worst examples of a Christian I have ever known, I want to know where

the lost tribes are that Jesus Christ said he sought. I want to know who are God’s chosen people in the biblical sense, as well as their relationship with God’s Promise given to Ephraim and Manasseh. I want to know if the Jew living in the modern day state of Israel is in fact, God’s Promise and God’s People.

As an American, I want truth in government and I want America and American interests here at home in our small towns, cities, and states to come first and foremost. I don’t want \$3 billion going to any country while American children are going to bed hungry, or sick because their families simply cannot afford medical attention and medicine. I don’t want to rebuild Iraq before rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. I don’t want America’s sons and daughters shedding blood on foreign soil on behalf of another capable military. If military actions benefit Israel, then Israeli soldiers should be on the battlefield too! I believe Jews should not be persecuted, but neither should Muslims. I believe that if a Jewish state is acceptable within America’s concept of democracy, then we must concede that so is a Muslim state, a Palestinian state, yet our actions in that region of the world indicate we do not. Rhetoric and action are as opposing as good and evil.

But most of all, I believe far too many politicians in Washington DC amount to nothing more than modern day Pharisees and Scribes, claiming to be Christian, acting all righteous, but whose actions are not even remotely close to Christ-like. War is not Christ-like and neither is bearing false witness to the nation to justify war. Rationalize if you must, but the neo-conservative tyranny / fascist state that now rules the United States is a shameful and despicable abomination to the Christian faith, operating outside the teachings of Jesus Christ, and so is the work and methodology of the “Israel Lobby” that does in deed control U.S. foreign policy and the U.S. Congress.

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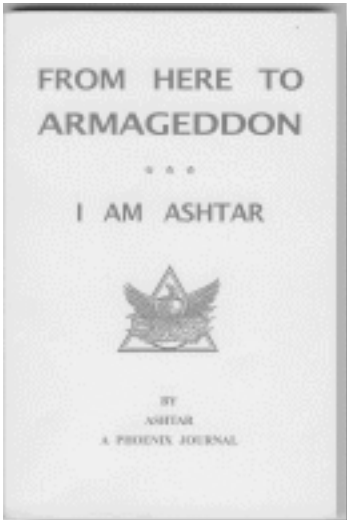
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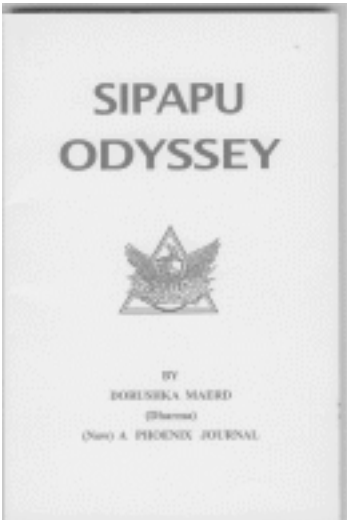


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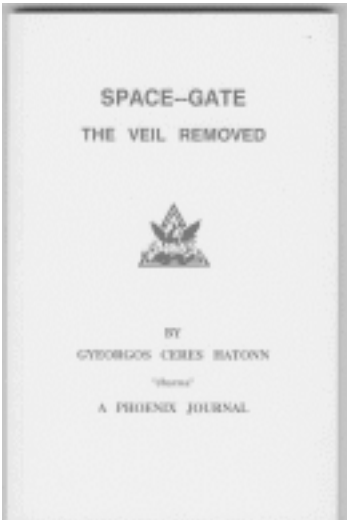
Hatonn present. Greetings on this beauteous Sunday morn. With me today, is Commander Ashtar. You have been aware of his presence for several days but he graciously waited the finishing of the manual segment. He wishes to speak to you ones and I would most appreciate it, Dharma, if you would entertain him.



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(88 pgs)

A sipapu is an opening (gateway) through the Kiva to the “nether” lands of the ancient Anasazi Indians and their descendants in the Southwest. This sensitive love-story of the “end times” brings together a returning tribe of the Ancients from the past, A Pleiadian Space expedition from the future and some “awakening volunteers” from Earth’s present. The plot climaxes with a “Gathering” at which many “Masters” from the higher realms speak about the Prophecies and Revelations in these end-times. This manuscript was written in early 1987 as a movie and has been published to protect the copyright. “This journal which comes in ‘fantasy’ format is, in fact, TRUTH in every measure. “It was decided that we would first bring forth an ‘acceptable’ story line that would bear a particular message to the ones awaiting instructions and the knowledge that the time of final instructions and ‘countdown is at hand...’ -Hatonn

This journal is about the adventures of three people and their encounters with Native Americans of the Sipapu and their Space Brothers. It describes their amazing experiences after showing up at the Nevada nuclear bomb test site for a protest. **You will also find revelations large and small, from the ancient past and the future. A fantastic, fun “fantasy”.**



By Gyeorgos Ceres Hatonn
(125 pgs)

Hatonn provides facts concerning the Governmental cover-up of extraterrestrials visiting and crashing upon Earth, starting in the late 1940’s. He discusses various committees such as the MJ-12, the Jason Society, the Bilderbergers, the “Grey Men”, along with details regarding their strategies and operating methods. Also, we are given clarification about the mission of The Hosts of God vs. Satan during these “end times” and the correlation between Christ and extraterrestrials.

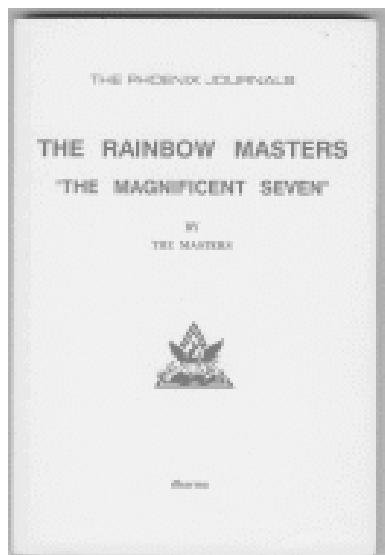
[Quoting from page 8:]

CRASHED SPACECRAFT

For many, many years rumors persisted that the U.S. government has in its possession spaceships manufactured on other worlds, as well as the occupants of these interplanetary craft; some dead and some yet alive. In your late 1940s and early 50s both Army and Air Force military units--on direct orders from the Pentagon--rushed to the site of several crashes in the Southwestern part of the United States and carried away the UNEARTHLY remains of both the craft and alien occupants. The wreckage and bodies were eventually put into “deep-freeze” storage (literally and figuratively) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio...

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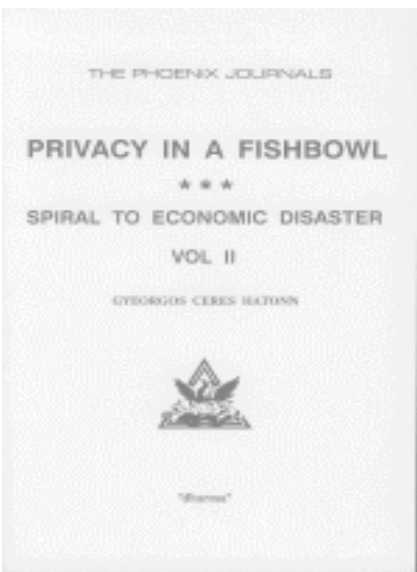
By The Masters
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This journal contains the gracious words of wisdom and Spiritual lessons from the magnificent Teachers (Cohans) of the Seven Rays of Life. These Cohans are the guides and mentors from where man’s individuality came. Each and all flow into conscious Life upon one of these Rays and your Life experience is influenced by the Ray through which you descended.

We are also introduced to Sananda, Aton and Sanat Kumara, the Silver Ray of Creator and Archangel Michael. Each Cohan introduces and presents his/her instructions and purpose. They are: The First Ray, El Morya; Second Ray, Lanto; Third Ray, Paul the Venetian; Fourth Ray, Serapis Bey; Fifth Ray, Hilarion; Sixth Ray, Lady Nada; Seventh Ray, Germaiin.

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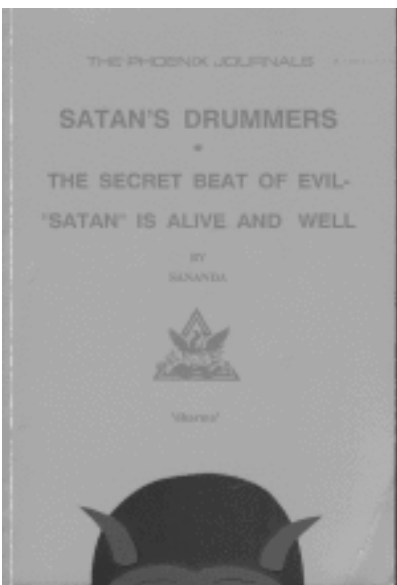
- Immanuel and the Essenes
- Cause and Effect
- Prophecies
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- Responsibility
- Christ Path
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- Healing, Respect and Love
- Right choices and repetition
- Intent, Pride and Fear



By Gyeorgos Ceres Hatonn
(247 pgs)

This journal is part two about our downward economic spiral. It contains very pragmatic “how-to” suggestions to assist you in legally fading into the background. The Nevada “secret” is detailed and specific instructions for personal asset privacy and preservation are included for legal protection against increasing Government scrutiny. Also contains instructions for preparing for the imminent financial collapse. Other Topics:

- S&L debacle
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- Stocks and bonds
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- Interest rates and the debt
- Credit card nightmare
- The war on personal privacy
- The IRS
- Drug screening
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- Medical history
- Credit history
- Insurance forms
- Public mail system
- Telephone records
- Wiretaps and firearms



By Sananda
(203 pgs)

In this deeply disturbing journal, Jesus Sananda explores the truth about the energy called “Satan”, the adversary to God of Light. Satan’s fall from status as “Lucifer” is outlined. We learn how he gains his power through evil deception—which is opposite of God projection of Love, what his tools are and what his limitations are. We learn how to recognize evil and how to protect ourselves from it. Satan’s presence is documented within “Satanic Cults” with specific cases of demonic possession, control, murder, sexual perversion and ritual sacrifice of babies, children and animals.

Other topics include:

- Satan’s beginning
- Satanic Commandments
- Witchcraft
- Satanic Symbols
- Evil versus Sin
- Drug Addiction
- Satanic Music
- What your kids listen to
- The Psychology of Evil
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Islamic Banking: Part Seven

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SHOW ME THE MONEY

It is not just in the sports business in movie presentations who shout: “Show me the money.” In your world that is the term used BEFORE anyone is willing to DO ANYTHING. Then when we come forth and offer a discussion on “money” or financing—you discount us as being “darkly evil”. Those shouting “evil” and “dark” are at the same time demanding money—or else”. And what is the “or else”? Well, it means in most instances that we are going to TAKE it from you even if you don’t have it. That’s right, people, go to the adversary’s best troopers to prove the “dark” possibilities of the very ones who have “fed” and housed you. The ones who offer great return must somehow also PAY FOR THE WORK, THE WORKERS, ANY EXPENSES—AND FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF GIVING ALL THEY HAVE, AWAY. IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

We are now struggling through unknown topics with “the way” to insure success in our mission while we have to endure the slings and arrows of being called greedy, gold hounds, dark, evil, satanic and this while those who have contributed nothing—demand more and more and more and instantly—or, we will destroy you and take everything you have even if it isn’t yours! How willing does this make your workers on the front line, and me, at the helm? If you don’t know how or where to utilize your gifts prayed for and the call answered—what in the world do you expect to gain? You must rebuild through that which has pulled you down. You must understand—REVERSE the flow. And, if you have no idea what was DONE by the Power Elite—how can you even begin to consider reversing anything?

God does not “just” give you what’s wrong—HE WILL TELL YOU HOW TO DO THE JOB PROPERLY AND ALSO PROVIDE, IF YOU DO YOUR JOB, THE WAY AND THE WHEREWITHAL. HE CERTAINLY WILL NOT DO IT FOR YOU OR FIGHT EVERY INCH OF THE LONG-HAUL TO RECONSTRUCTION. Oh, yes, the parasites are still sucking our blood and have even taken our property and put it into their “bloodbanks” for sucking more and more as they deem possible. The trouble with this concept is that they KILL THE HOST for once you have lived “off” the “system” or “another”, be it in business, government, or welfare: you just don’t now how to produce, do you? And when you let others who are out to “get” someone, talk you into becoming as vicious and illogical as they, themselves ARE—you will ultimately lose because these newly hatched parasites will suck YOU until you run dry. It simply is the way it is—and then you go weep and wail—and “oh well...” the pusher will moan while you go down.

As we turn to our topic underway you will possibly wonder what does the above have to do with anything? Well, FACE IT READERS, all of the Teachers of all time known—use parables about REAL circumstances to offer examples.

Now for the connections here, if you have missed it: You can know how to run and get corporations and banks and whatever, BUT IF YOU DON’T GET SOMETHING TO UTILIZE SAID RESOURCES—YOU JUST DUMP IT BACK LIKE AN

UNPREFERRED FISH ON YOUR LINE. HOW MANY PEARLS HAVE YOU LOST BY THROWING AWAY AN OYSTER?

So, we must, must we not?, talk about banks and then speak of:

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

We don’t, at this moment in this background writing, need to speak of any specific reserves, collateral, etc., or even gold for holding of value. We will continue the observations of the authors and professors in a text regarding the topic of these goodly foundationed banks. We are not here to give away strategy or cause more bombastic blasting of our ongoing work in point—and therefore, people working with us have to do a bit of homework, and maintain PRIVACY (not secrecy).

There is only ONE way, for instance, for people who have participated in supporting and assisting the Phoenix Institute and specifically the Ekkers through the years, to get return on their loans—AND THAT IS REMARKABLY CLEAR THAT IT MUST BE THROUGH OUR SUCCESS. IS THIS NOT SIMPLE DEDUCTION? HOW MANY SHOES ARE LOST FOR LACK OF A NAIL?

For now in this particular topic we will follow along with the general text:

[QUOTING:]

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

There are three [recognized] sources of funds for Islamic banks, namely, contributions made by the owner(s) [H: This one in our instance, might well be the ONLY one you need later consider so don’t pass to quickly by it.], short-term liabilities and depositors’ money. The nature and the amount of contributions made by the owners are subjected to the laws and regulations which control the formation of a particular Islamic bank. As suggested by Siddiqi (1983), the bank should be established on the principles of *Shirkat-e-Enan* in which two or more persons participate in an enterprise with a fixed amount of capital agreeing that they will work jointly and share in profit or loss proportionately. In reality, however, due to the large amount of capital which is needed prior to the establishment and commencement of a banking business and because of other advantages, many Islamic banks, especially in countries where laws are Western based, are established as public limited companies. As a public limited company, the total amounts of capital contributed by the shareholders are represented by the total paid-up capital of the bank (paid-up capital consists of amounts of capital allotted and paid by the shareholders of the bank). In most cases, the contribution of shareholders is not more than 10 percent of the total assets held by the Islamic bank. Although short-term liabilities are considered as one of the sources of funds for Islamic banks, the amount contributed by items such as other creditors, and others payable are generally insignificant to the banks.

Like conventional commercial banks, the main source of funds for Islamic banks is from depositors’ money. For conventional banks, deposit facilities cater to reasons for holding money. Following the Keynesian approach, people require money for three purposes: transaction, precaution and investment.

Conventional banks, therefore, provide three types of deposit facilities in accordance with these requirements. The first category of a deposit facility is called a current account which is sometimes known as a checking account. This facility is designed for those who require money for transaction purposes. The motive of the depositors in this category is the need for convenience or for payments of daily commitments. Usually no interest is paid by the bank to current account holders. This practice, however, is changing among conventional banks. In fact, commercial banks in some countries (e.g. Malaysia) charge for unavoidable costs, such as the costs of a cheque book and stamp duty, and also impose a moderate service fee on this type of account. In the absence of interest, Islamic banks are permitted by *Shariah* to offer facilities that are similar to the current account facilities of the conventional banks. Depositors are allowed to withdraw their funds at any time without notice and Islamic banks guarantee the nominal value of the deposits. Principles of *qard hassan* and *wadiah* are the principles adopted by the Islamic Banks in dealing with current account facilities.

The second category of deposit is the savings account. For conventional banks, this account caters to those who wish to save money and at the same time earn income. The depositors in this category are those who hold money primarily because of precautionary motives and, at the same time, are induced by the investment motive. Principles of *wadiah*, *mudaraba*, *qard hassan* are the alternatives available for the Islamic banks which choose to offer this kind of facility.

The third category of deposit facility is for those who keep money for investment purposes. Customers who have idle funds usually want better returns on their funds. These customers normally prefer to keep their money in a fixed (or term) deposit facility. In the Islamic banking system, a similar facility is called an ‘investment deposit’. This deposit is governed by the principle of *mudaraba*. Within this context, Islamic banks act as agent-manager or *mudarib* and the depositor as investor or *rabb al-mal*. There are a few alternatives available within this type of deposit. The bank would provide no guarantee or fixed return on the amount deposited. Customers who hold their funds in this investment deposit will be treated as if they were shareholders of the bank and are entitled to a share in the profits or losses made by the bank. The agreement on how the profit or loss will be distributed between the bank and the depositor is made at the beginning of the deposit period and cannot be amended during the tenure of the deposits, except by the consent of both parties. The distribution of profit to the depositors may be on a quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly basis and advance notice is required for those who wish to withdraw the funds before the maturity date. The *Shariah* also permits Islamic banks to raise funds by way of issuing investment certificates that carry no fixed return. These certificates are issued either directly to the depositors or through the Islamic inter-bank money market. The tenure of these certificates would vary from one to five years or even more. The principles of *mudaraba* and *qard hassan* are applicable to this kind of facility. In applying the principle of *mudaraba*, the reward for the depositors

is based on the bank’s annual profit, whereas under the principle of *qard hassan* the reward is entirely dependent upon the bank’s discretion.

As is the case with conventional banks, funds received are used by Islamic banks for various purposes. Basically, the usage of these funds is represented by the types of assets held. The assets held by Islamic banks may be divided into two broad categories, frequently called earning assets and on-earning assets. Earning assets are the two balance sheet items called financing and investment. Non-earning assets consist of the total reserves of the bank (statutory reserve and other reserves), cash and bank balance, and financing under the principle of *qard hassan*.

As entities established on religious foundations Islamic banks are expected to abide by whatever rules and regulations are imposed by the *Al-Quran* and *Hadith*. Islamic banks are not guided solely by profit maximizing motives. Their utmost objective is the betterment of the *ummah* (community) and their overall business philosophy is based on justice and equity. Because of this philosophy, Islamic banks, subject to the availability of funds, participate in both new or existing projects as long as the proposed venture is viable and profitable.

Non-commodity trading is strictly prohibited by *Shariah*. Since the *Shariah* considers money as a non-commodity item, granting loans to customers for profit is therefore unlawful (Siddiqi, 1986). In most cases the funds will be used through equity participation or partnership. Principles of *mudaraba*, *musharaka*, and *murabaha* are commonly applied by Islamic banks in assisting their commercial customers. Principles of *ijara* and *ijara wa-iktina* are used for hire-purchase and leasing facilities. The principle of *qard hassan* is for ordinary customers who need financial assistance in buying durable goods and other personal needs. Other banking services such as letters of guarantee, letters of credit, remittance services, travelers’ cheques, and safe deposit boxes are considered as fee-based services.

In regard to the application of funds, Islamic banks sometimes face operational problems. The first problem regards the reserve and liquidity requirements imposed by the central bank. It is perfectly all right for the central bank imposing the reserve and liquidity requirements, but the hypothetical question here is whether [or not] the same ratios should be applied to both Islamic and conventional banks. Some commentators believe that because of the nature of the Islamic banks’ operations are different from the conventional banks, they should be exempted from liquidity control procedures (El-Ashker, 1990). For example, investment deposits of the Islamic banks are kept for a specific period, from a few months to a few years, before which the deposit can be withdrawn. Therefore, Islamic banks are in a better position to plan cash budgets and are better able to monitor the withdrawal schedule. Similarly, Islamic banks do not guarantee both returns and the principal of the invested amount, thus the question of guaranteeing the safety of the depositor’s money does not arise.

The second problem faced by Islamic banks is in case of shortage of funds. In an ordinary banking system, one of the functions of the central bank is as the lender of last resort and the assistance given may be in the form of rediscounting of Treasury bills, Government securities and other certificates or through direct borrowing. This assistance, however, is marked by an element of interest in one way or another. Islamic banks will therefore not be able to take the opportunity of drawing on these facilities. Similarly, Islamic banks are not able to become members of inter-bank markets in which the instruments traded are interest-based. Without sufficient financial instruments

that are based on Islamic principles and are developed by the Islamic financial system, Islamic banks face problems not only in cases of shortage of funds but also in the case of excess liquidity. Without sufficient avenues for the Islamic banks to make investment, it deprives them not only of profit-making opportunities but also restricts their ability to meet the liquidity requirement ratio imposed by the central bank.

A third issue regards the method used by Islamic banks in determining the percentage of mark-up or mark-down in cost or price when dealing with their customers. In discussing the validity of the percentage used by the Islamic banks in their operations, the Habib Bank of Pakistan argued that the percentage is just a mathematical device to measure the relationship between two quantitative variables and it has nothing to do with *halal* (licit) or *haram* (illicit) issues. In its elaboration on this matter the Habib Bank stated that a *halal* thing remains *halal* whether it is measured in percentage terms or otherwise. Similarly, a *haram* thing remains *haram* whether it is measured in percentage terms or not. In short, ’15% profit’ is *halal* because profit itself is *halal* and ’15% interest’ is *haram* because interest itself is *haram* (Habib Bank Limited, 1985). However, this should not necessarily be the case. Islamic banks, in their endeavors to provide services governed by principles of justice and equity, should not make any comparison with the interest rate imposed by a commercial bank. The percentage of mark-up and mark-down should be carefully studied and in most cases the rate should not be priced on an equal footing with the interest rate used by commercial banks.

Another important issue that should be studied carefully by Islamic banks is the extent to which they should be involved in the running of the businesses in which they have an interest. For example, Siddiqi (1983) believes that in the case of *mudrabah*, the bank should allow the entrepreneur, in addition to his own capital, to procure further capital from others on a similar principle, and that he should also be able to purchase and sell goods on credit within the limitations of the total capital and to procure short-term loans for investment in the business. The entrepreneur should be accorded the fullest freedom for working out the details. The entrepreneur, however, will not be allowed to acquire long-term loans for the business for the simple reason that this will increase the financial liabilities of the partnership beyond the limits of the jointly covered capital.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS
FOR ISLAMIC BANKING

Islamic banks in any country around the world must conform to two types of laws. Like other Islamic followers, Islamic financial institutions must first conform to Islamic principles and laws. Without observing and following the foundations and rules as stipulated in the various sources of Islamic law, no institution can claim to be an Islamic bank. Islamic laws are usually referred to as the *Shariah* laws. Another type of law to be conformed to by Islamic banks are the laws and regulations imposed by the government of their domiciled country. These laws are also known as positive laws.

With regard to the Islamic banking system, *Shariah* does not provide any single decree in which it gives all the rules and guidelines to be followed by the Islamic banks. The rules and guidelines, however, are abundantly described by the various sources of *Shariah* law. *Shariah* laws are derived from four sources, namely, *Al-Quran*, *Hadith*, *Ijma* and *Qiyaz*.

Some scholars claim that there are five sources of laws, that is *Al-Quran*, *Sunnah*, *Ijtihad*, *Ma’ruf*, and *Maslahat*. As stated by Mannan (1986), the uniqueness of Islamic law lies in its comprehensiveness of principles, valid through the ages in respect of the whole of mankind. The whole basis of Islamic law is a standing and perpetual miracle, a miracle in the sense that Islamic law may not only be compared with the law of tides but also with the simple and exact law of gravitation. Because, while Islamic laws have always been found to yield new truths and fresh guidance in every age and at every level, guidance has also been furnished to mankind through a series of fundamental and eternal revelations vouchsafed by Allah to the Prophet (pbuh).

Maududi (1983 in his Islamic Law and Constitution believes that the main objective of *Shariah* is to construct human life on the basis of *marufat* (virtues) and to cleanse it of *munkarat* (vices). The term *marufat* denotes all the virtues and good qualities that have always been accepted as ‘good’ by the human conscience. Conversely, *munkarat* denotes all the sins and evils that have always been condemned by human nature as ‘evil’. In short, the *marufat* are in harmony with human nature and its requirements in general and the *munkarat* are just the opposite. The *Shariah* gives a clear view of these *marufat* and *munkarat* and stresses them as the norms to which individual and social behavior must conform.

Positive laws are the laws that are given by civil authority, as distinct from the moral or sacred laws given by God or with God’s guidance. In most cases, positive laws in Muslim countries originated in Western countries. Those Islamic banks which are established in a secular country not only have to adhere to all the *Shariah* laws, but must also conform to the civil laws of that particular country, in most cases under the supervision of that country’s central bank. [H: What an incredible circumstance—being that just about every central bank in the world is based on Jewish practices of the Power Elite and are structured to make very sure the Islamic banks cannot survive. Yes I can state that there are major REASONS why you SHOULD expect an Armageddon, world travelers, for it is not just one mode of operation in play here, it is truly EVIL vs. GODLY.] For example, in Malaysia the establishment of Islamic banks is governed by the Companies Act 1965, and their operations are subjected to the Islamic Banking Act 1983. Islamic banks, therefore, must conform to all requirements as stipulated in both Acts. In Iran, the Law for Usury-Free Banking 1983 provides various provisions relating to the Islamization of the entire banking system. In Jordan, the government passed the Jordan Islamic Bank for Finance and Investment Law No. 13 of 1978 prior to the establishment of the Jordan Islamic Bank, and the functions and activities of the bank are specified by this Law.

SUMMARY

Islamic banking is broadly defined as a banking system whose operations are not only governed by the *Shariah* that prohibits interest but which are conducted in accordance with the value system of Islam. Islamic banks in present times are considered as the end product of the Islamic resurgence which took place in many Islamic countries during the late 1960s and in the early 1970s. Nevertheless, the existence of Islamic banking products can be traced back to the early days of Islam. There is evidence that such as savings deposits and money exchanges existed during the life of the Prophet (pbuh), whereas services such as remittances and the use of bills of exchange existed during the period of the Companions. The development of these rudimentary banking products was distorted by

the dark ages of the European Continent. While conventional banking products started to emerge with the revival of commercial activities during the 13th century, Islamic banking products were not reinvigorated and as a result of colonization the banking system in Muslim countries was based on conventional banking rules.

The first attempt to establish an interest-free financial institution was in Malaysia in the mid-1940s but it failed. The establishment of the Mit Ghamr Local Savings Bank of Egypt in the 1960s marked a new milestone in the modern world of banking. Currently there are more than 150 interest-free institutions all over the world, especially in Muslim countries, providing services which are compatible to those services offered by interest-based institutions. The range of services include commercial banking services, merchant banking services, fund management activities, investment activities, and insurance businesses. Islamic financial institutions have now extended their activities to the Western world and serve the banking requirements of both Muslim and non-Muslim customers.

As is the case with conventional banks, profitability is considered as one of the important objectives of Islamic banks; Islamic banks are expected to include social and moral aims as well as profit in their objectives. This is in line with the main purpose of their existence, that is to promote, foster and develop banking services and products based on Islamic principles.

As institutions whose foundations are based on Islamic religious doctrines, Islamic banks are expected to conform to Islamic business principles. Eliminating the element of interest in their operations is only one part of the total Islamic business ethos. Other principles include: (a) to engage in legitimate and lawful businesses; (b) to fulfill all obligations and responsibilities; (c) business must be based on the concepts of honesty, justice and equity; (d) overspending and wastage are prohibited; (e) wealth must be used in a proper and orderly manner; (f) to help and assist the needy; and (g) transactions must be properly executed.

The main source of funds for Islamic banks is from deposits made by customers. Basically there are three types of deposit facilities provided by Islamic banks—current account, savings deposit and investment account facilities. While current account facilities are provided for customer convenience, savings accounts are designed for those who wish to save money and at the same time earn income. Investment accounts are for those who keep money for investment motives. In the case of current accounts, no returns will be given to depositors and they are allowed to withdraw their funds at any time without notice. The current account facilities are usually governed by the principle of *WADIAH* (trust) or *qard hassan* (benevolent loan). Returns to savings and investment account holders are not pre-determined and usually these returns are based on profit-sharing concepts or *mudaraba*. Depositors only know their rewards at the end of the deposit period.

Funds collected from the depositors are used for financing activities based on allowable Shariah principles. There are three categories of principles, namely: 1. Principles that are based on profit-sharing; 2. Principles that are based on mark-up; and, 3. Principles that are based on free of charge transactions. Other banking services such as letters of credit, letters of guarantee, remittance services, travelers' cheques, buying and selling currencies, and safe-deposit boxes are also available at Islamic banks. These services are considered fee-based activities.

Islamic banks have to conform to two types of laws, *Shariah* laws (Islamic law) and positive law.

With regard to the Islamic banking system, *Shariah* does not provide any single decree in which it gives all the rules and guidelines to be followed by Islamic banks. The most important matter directly related to the banking system is the prohibition of interest. There are a lot of verses in Al-Quran which prohibit Muslims from associating themselves with interest. Similarly, there are many Hadiths describing the Prophet (pbuh) being totally against those who give and take interest. Positive law is given by a person of authority or the government of the country. With the exception of countries such as Malaysia, Turkey, and Iran where a special law was decreed prior to the establishment of interest-free institutions to govern the operations of these Islamic banks, no special law was promulgated in other countries. There are, however, special laws decreed by countries such as Jordan, Sudan and Egypt, but these laws only apply to a specific Islamic bank. Besides observing the special laws, Islamic banks must also conform to other laws which directly regulate the entire country's financial system and laws for those activities in which an Islamic bank is involved.

[END OF QUOTING]

Readers, we have two full pages of references and further readings relative to these topics in point but we are writing for a newspaper and we are not going to have space to do more than offer text and comment. We can offer you copies of the references given on request. However, we will have to get the information from Southeast Asia to the U.S. and CONTACT via the eternal and infernal mail services. If one system doesn't kill the transfer the other most surely will. Patience, in these instances—really DOES become a virtue.

Now for just a bit of back-up to check me out, team. Surely you remember a few years back when there was gold shipping taking place and transfers being made and I warned that a shipload of product was being tinkered with? Surely you wouldn't forget a thing like that.

Well, the story, HERE, goes as follows: A ship loaded with gold being transferred was set to sea and DISAPPEARED. Some of the crew were picked up but couldn't remember what had happened to them! They still can't remember. It was all very strange, they say, as people were basically put into safety, the ship disappeared in a trough (sank). This is all so strange—because the trough is considered the DEEPEST ON EARTH and just can't seem to be recovered and when pin-pointed in location just seems to shift about.

So be it, students of life and possibilities. I suggest you stop trying to consider just whose Hatonn is real or make-believe. I am still in charge and that would seem to me to be THE point of the matter. We are going to do these projects and missions GOD'S WAY and all the MEN on earth can tell you otherwise but IT WILL BE DONE IN GOD'S WAY.

Thank you for reading and, please, open your minds for you don't have to work on establishment rules and/or Islamic laws as presented—YOU CAN CREATE A BETTER WAY THAN EITHER PRESENTS—BUT YOU CAN'T CALL THEM "BANKS", CAN YOU?

"Beehives" might be a good choice since a bank must deal with protection of product, holding, storage, deposits and returns. If you don't create better than what is created to dislodge you from freedom and life—you won't get very far, will you?

Salu and give it a thought please. Remember THOUGHT is THE creative way to manifest—via GOD! You have no shortage of money, friends, YOU HAVE MAJOR LACK OF IDEAS.

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Rep. Ron Paul Blasts Wars of Aggression

U.S. Congressman Ron Paul appears to be one of the very few remaining voices of reason in American politics. In this piece he draws from historical references to make the case that a belligerent nation cannot be free.

[QUOTING:]

NO NATION CAN PRESERVE ITS FREEDOM WHILE IN A CONTINUAL STATE OF AGGRESSIVE WARFARE
By Ron Paul, *AFP*, 5/1/06

President Bush has been under pressure to fire Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, whom many view as the architect of a failed approach in Iraq. Even many ardent war hawks are unhappy with the secretary for not having more troops on the ground in Iraq, and for conducting the war less aggressively than they would like. But the issue is not who serves as secretary of defense, the issue is how, when and why the U.S. uses military force. It makes no sense simply to replace Rumsfeld with someone else who holds the same view, namely that it's the job of American soldiers and U.S. taxpayers to police the world. We should be debating the proper foreign policy for our country—utopian nation building versus the noninterventionism counseled by our Founding Fathers—rather than which individual is best suited to carry it out. I happen to agree with Rumsfeld on the matter of downsizing the military as a whole and remaking it to reflect modern realities of warfare. ...

The war in Iraq shows that we're trying to adapt our military to fit our foreign policy, rather than the other way around. For all our high-tech advantages, we are mired in a simmering urban civil war that does not play to the true strengths of our troops.

The old model of warfare, based on invading and occupying whole nations, is unsustainable. Both financially and in terms of manpower, Americans simply cannot afford any more Koreas, Vietnams, or Iraqs.

Many people in the Pentagon understand that America's armed forces are not trained in occupation, policing and nation building. The best way to support the troops is through a sensible foreign policy that does not place them in harm's way unnecessarily or force them into uncomfortable, dangerous roles as occupiers.

It's interesting to note that our founders warned against maintaining standing armies at all, both because of the taxes required to do so and the threats to liberty posed by a permanent military.

Consider the words of James Madison, often considered the father of the Constitution: "A standing military force, with an overgrown Executive will not long be safe companions to liberty. The means of defense against foreign danger, have been always the instruments of tyranny at home. . . ." Madison continues: "Of all the enemies to public liberty war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded, because it comprises and develops the germ of every other. War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes; and armies, and debts, and taxes are the known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few. . . . No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."...

...Instead of debating who should be secretary of defense, we should be studying the writings of our own Founding Fathers. Perhaps then we will question the wisdom of an open-ended, vague war on terror and the realities of trying to remake whole societies in our image.

[END QUOTING]

Introduction to Commander Ashtar

Here is an excerpt from the Phoenix Journal ‘From Here To Armageddon’ about receiving from the Higher Command and the responsibility that goes with it.

As shown on the front page of this issue of CONTACT it is a timely reminder that there are many Commands involved in this Mission and many workers whether on Earth or in the Heavens. Remember the Phoenix Journals are on sale now for only \$4.00 each. Perhaps a friend might enjoy

CHAPTER 1

REC #1 HATONN

Sunday, September 3, 1989 6:45 A.M.Yr 3, DAY 018

COMMANDER HATONN INTRODUCING COMMANDER ASHTAR

Hatonn present. Greetings on this beauteous Sunday morn. With me today is Commander Ashtar. You have been aware of his presence for several days but he graciously waited the finishing of the manual segment. He wishes to speak to you ones and I would most appreciate it, Dharma, if you would entertain him.

LESSONS FOR RECEIVERS (HATONN)

Ones who receive from us of the Higher frequencies frequently cannot relate to the fragmentation of ones of us. Ones will say, “Oh, well the Hatonn I receive from is a different aspect of the one from which Dharma receives.” When we are ready to combine instructions or correspondence there is no separation at all. Very often the thought format and wording is identical.

If ones will not accept the sharing, then you can be sure there is trouble afoot. Either ones are holding to their own ego apartheid or they fear their own messages might not be perfection.

Ones who pronounce, on a regular basis, dates, hours, events in unbending detail, for general publication are EGO bound. Ones who speak naught but generalized goobledygook and pour sweet syrup over the “spectators” are not always pronouncing the original thought projection of the Sibor involved, but are cleaning it up to fit their human need and perception of that Sibor (teacher). So be it. You must look to all facets for Truth. If you pay attention, it matters not to you. Much Truth comes forth. You must be insightful.

We are here to participate in a most gargantuan task. There is no time left for even the consideration of building “church” houses and temples, as a for instance. The only temples you will build are those underground facilities to save the vehicles of God’s already built temples. God is perfectly capable of building and creating his own temples and has done so albeit the buildings get in great disrepair!

If a receiver’s ego cannot submit to obscurity, or hoards the lessons and messages unto one outlet for gain or personal commendation, that one is in error.

You see, all can be separated in a most practical way through good business corporations. If one claims exclusivity (even if that one is exclusive) there is a gross problem for that one is trying to keep another from seeking truth elsewhere. We of the Higher Realms never declare “one”. We would never place such a burden on a human worker, as receiver, nor would we deprive other searchers, who cannot procure a specific receiver’s writings, the ability to find truth.

Just suppose Hatonn pronounces that Dharma is the only one. She would immediately be set up and murdered. Further, in view of her trustworthiness, she would finally go mad with the burden of such responsibility. That, dear ones, is left to a Christ who might choose to walk your plane. One who self-proclaims to be a Christ is unsound indeed and most foolish.

I will tarry no longer, for I wish to have you receive of Ashtar —you have many times in the past, and I want you to become comfortable and familiar with his energy for he is critically involved otherwise and we respect his “time” constraints. Thank you, chela.

COMMANDER ASHTAR

Ashtar present, I trust you recognize me as we are elder friends, you and I. I move most rapidly so slow me up if need be, little sister.

Let there be no discomfort on your part that things do not present the possibility of joint communiqué at the present time. I can function even more astutely by utilizing the same receiver as Commander Hatonn. We work in total integration and it is only in effort of your comfort we would separate input. It is not necessary.

As information and instructions for the upcoming times will be sent forth from this sector of your planet. As regards this sector of your planet, I shall be experiencing alongside Aton, Sananda and Hatonn as well as Korton, Soltec and selected Commanders (not to leave out Semjase, Asket, Leah and the other ladies in our Commands). I am not a bigot. We have no need to consider such things for ours is a very well balanced community within which we function.

We have now finished the hook-up of my circuit in your head, Dharma, I know you have undergone gross inconvenience in your human world. It is not your hearing which is so impaired, dear one, as it is the “downloading” of data from my “computer base data center.” Sananda now has several who can and will work in total harmony as teams. I have not yet found such equality and you have offered, Commander Imnu and I have accepted. You see, on this plane, you know of that which you are capable it is the Earth density and insecurity of flesh manifestation that gives you cause to deny your abilities in full measure.

I do not wish to burden you further with explanation for you are in full knowledge and I only give you the human input that you can relax about seeming dysfunction. You will be screened from conscious knowledge per our contract with you as a functioning human so that you never be placed in

jeopardy.

It is very near the timing for we of the fleet, to begin to make ourselves known in visible format. At this time it is still too dangerous—quite frankly—to you ones who are Earth based. Yours is not to entertain the masses with space stories but rather to give forth instructions for evacuation and transition necessities. There has been such an abundance of silly nonsense put forth in efforts to discredit us. Hatonn trained you well, in that you are surrounded by dark brothers but they seldom get close enough to “count coup” on you.

It may seem most bothersome to clear thy spaces of our adversaries over and over, ad nauseam, but crucial and it is the only way to open the circuits to receive assistance and clarity in your own receiving.

We cause you to obtain books and written material for only one purpose—your protection. If, for instance, a survival guideline list is in perfection and already published, we will utilize that list so that you are not targeted as sole knowledge point. Further, it is our effort always to acknowledge contributions of ones in human format for their service. These records will be a portion of the very foundation of historical data for this evolution time period.

Some ones, such as Judas Iscarioth have waited long to have their Earth experience cleaned. Others have given gifts in lack of realization, to their fellow man—they have now arrived at the contribution mark of acknowledgement for their service. As a for instance, I would like to acknowledge ones Arthur Robinson, Ph.D. and Gary North, Ph.D. who have cared enough to compile a survival shelter blueprint to offer unto you ones, that you might have a chance to survive. I also honor their relations and attachments for there is great contribution of those ones, where there is such heavy workload.

Further, it gives us a parliament for expressing formal notice to the adversaries of you ones who are our base units. Every time the shield is allowed to be pierced, you become vulnerable. There are very few of you left, who have not been tainted in some degree. It is always the association with Ego and the desire to please ones in your space, as well as gain accolades for self. There is naught wrong with appreciation of yourself or receiving appreciation and adoration of ones about you. It is the heart willingness to share and give all that is required, not always the actual giving of it. YOU MUST BE WILLING TO FORFEIT ALL HUMAN NEED FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS IF YOU NEVER EXISTED AT ALL UPON YOUR PLANE. IT DOES NOT MEAN IT WILL BE THUS, IT MEANS YOU MUST BE PREPARED AND WILLING IF IT SHOULD BE REQUIRED. WHEN WE NEED IMMEDIATE INTEGRATION OF INPUT, YOU MAY NOT TARRY EVEN A MOMENT IN SELF THOUGHT ABOUT THE SHARING. IT CANNOT BE. YOU WILL ONLY HAVE BRIEF MOMENTS IN WHICH TO ‘ACT’, THY BROTHER’S LITERAL LIFE WILL BE AT STAKE. THERE MUST BE NO HESITATION TO GIVE INSTANTLY WHAT IS REQUIRED.

NO ROYALTY UP HERE.

In these Higher Frequencies, we use labels only for your convenience we recognize solely by energy patterns. We not only do not bear “Royal” titles, but find them abhorrent. A simple summons of “Ashtar or “Hatonn” rings our frequency circuit “on switch”. We only function in a post of expertise and duty not one above another as entities. Ones who place such “Royal” titles upon our beings are doing so in self Ego in order to pronounce their self proclaimed importance for working with us.

There must, however, be means of description and sometimes definition of words have been misrepresented. For instance, the word “priestess” means, simply, a mediatory agent. You ones make it into some royal hoopla that means great splendor and degrades the label itself. Commander is only a designation of function; not some high label of your type of “pecking order”. It designates an area of responsibility and a given segment of authority. No more and no less. Any energy who comes to you with such title as “His Royal Omnipotent Highness”, watch out. Further, take care that you don’t swallow what thy fellow human tells you often labels are falsely placed by ones in power to cause you to denounce others.

Sometimes, even I am referred to as “Lord” that is a designation of master teacher, or leader of prominent rank. You ones must have some method of identifying us and you only have “words” with which to do so. Unfortunately, the Dark Adversary has corrupted the words so that you have no longer, a correct definition. Just as with “Jesus”, that is a word that is Greek and means “The Anointed One”. It was neither accurate for the one, Immanuel (who now bears the identifying insignia of “Sananda”), nor his name. It has grown to be accepted as His name, and incorrectly so. It has further been so misused and abused that it rings untrue with the masses because of the incorrect “stories” attached to that name. His name was called Immanuel (spelled Jmmanuel). He has now fulfilled all initiations and has reached His perfection. Creator calls Him Sananda is that not good enough for you?

He is known by many, many names. It matters not to the energy form by what name you label him for He responds to the energy vibration of the call. You must look beyond the limits of your insufficient manifestation. So it is.

Dharma, you have grown well, chela. Your brothers heard my message of two years ago and you have accepted your discipline, with you we are greatly pleased. We give great gratitude and appreciation. You, and the ones with you, have sacrificed in human ways, to fulfill your work. We honor, and salute them. Their works are of no less importance, it is only that as a “community team” your works had to have prerogative. I give humble gratitude to you and Oberli and the precious ones who work at thy side. I also give recognition and gratitude to the ones who have stepped aside and allowed the time for the learning process.

It will be no less burdensome. You will have even less time for participation in life games and associations; but for this have ye come to Earth at this time of transition. I shall move to stand-by. Commander Hatonn indicates release of the frequency. Sananda gives

blessings unto you beloved ones.

**SALU, SALU, SALU
I TAKE LEAVE,
I AM ASHTAR**

CHAPTER 2

REC #4 ASHTAR

Sunday, Sep. 3, 1989 4:30 P.M.Yr 3, DAY 018

Thank you for your welcome, Dharma. Ashtar present in the service of the One of Radiance, one with The Radiant One. I think I note a tinge of concern that I may displace some of the stature of our beloved Hatonn by my taking your fingers and circuitry. Not so, chela when you have taken on a Commander’s role for a specific purpose and your higher recognition is ATON, I think no-one will “steal away any thunder!” So be it.

WHO IS ASHTAR?

Who is Ashtar? I suppose great volumes of “stuff” have been written about Ashtar, the entity. I will endeavor to identify myself so that flourishes are not added by cherished ones. I have been called a “Christian Commander from Venus”, a “Supreme Director in charge of all of the spiritual Program” for your planet. (That, I believe, came from your own beloved Gabriel Green)

I am honored, but I believe it would be more suitable to state that I am a dominant commander from the Etheric realms. Here, I always confront trouble, for your words do not actually define my position. I shall attempt at simple explanation.

I have been around for a very, very long time. Under the sponsorship (I suppose is a good enough word) of Lord Michael and the Great Central Sun government of this, your galaxy. I suppose I rank overall second in command. I am not a discarnate energy (spirit) I am an etheric being. I have never taken human embodiment upon planet Earth. Many have inferred such it is not true. I have been far too involved with affairs of Universe to prattle around in human format on Earth. I serve at a very high involvement as a member of the Councils scattered throughout this Universal Sector, serving in an advisory capacity at strategic levels of intergalactic affairs. I share responsibility with Esu Immanuel (Jesus) Sananda; for the airborne divisions of the Brotherhood of Light

When I mention numbers of involved extraterrestrial persons involved in this Earth project, attached to my command, I usually lose my audience—for you have no concept of the massive fleets of ships involved. I speak in multiple millions. I, like my other compatriots who command massive fleets, am labeled for definition by the Great Central Sun Hierarchy “Ashtar”, for that is the planet of my original manifestation. It is near your solar sister, Venus.

The Christ Teacher of this galaxy is my Beloved Commander in Chief, and His Word is my Law. To Him I have pledged my service. I am but a leader chosen by Him to fulfill the Program of Light for Earth Transition through the flight commands of the Great Brotherhood. Part of that mission is to return the Master to your planet and collect His brood, if you will.

I commanded the ship which bore his soul energy to your place for His Earth Experience some two thousand years prior to present calendar.

There is a great quantity of mystery, it appears, regarding my personal information. That mystery regarding my person is of absolutely no consequence to me, but it seems of interest to some of you.

I am somewhat small of stature compared to Hatonn for I am only approximately seven of your counting “feet” in height. A physician would consider me quite anemic on your plane, for I am almost “white” in complexion. I am etheric, so I do not carry a dense format as do you of your density. I am human in conceptual form, pale of eyes (blue) of the Michael ray. Unlike Hatonn, I have hair upon my head, but in the etheric vision I probably might appear to have none. I do not know how to describe myself and my brothers, here, are having great sport at my expense.

I have a few good attributes, however. I am considered to be compassionate and understanding. I am impatient, quick of movement and totally passionate to unbending, regarding the teachings and principles of Our Radiant One, Sananda. I am probably considered severe only to a slightly lesser degree than is Hatonn. Unpleasant as this may be to you ones, Sananda is more severe than either of us. He is total perfection so there is no comparison to be made, but, you follow the Laws of The Creation and The God Law or you get some severe knocks upon thy ears!...

ETHERIA/ETHERIANS

The fleets of Etheria stationed within the Sector known as Schare now called the Confederation of Planets for Peace. (By the way, your planet is more frequently referred to as Shan)

We are a branch of the greater Federation of Free Worlds which comprises the totality of the Space Commands throughout the Omniverse While my own administration is local to the Commands of this solar system local Commands, I am not restricted to this sector in my service, for I represent our system in the councils of other galaxies and universes throughout the vast cosmos. From time to time I have served in positions of higher responsibilities in those councils.

I would like to further discuss “Etherians for there is always misunderstanding thereof. I do not have a fleshly body like yours, that is, bounded by flesh. But it is possible for me to make my being quite visible to your optics by changes in my vibratory rate to coincide with a specific optical frequency. I am normally invisible to you just as are our ships.

I am often asked if other etheric beings are visible to me. Yes, of course, for those who serve closest to me will have equal etheric vibration patterns. I do not have optical vision of them as you would recognize it, but yes, of course, I see them.

I simply have evolved beyond the stage of physical and astral body form. Do not confuse “etheric” and “astral”. I will discuss this subject later, there is a great difference. I do not possess a physical casing of the dense type such as yours of Earth human. I am definitely etheric, as are all people on other planets in this solar system, please hold that very close in your memory all other planets in this solar system. However, this does not mean that we are invisible to each other as we are to you under normal

circumstances, and as you evolve into higher dimensions you will retain recognizable forms. You have been so filled with lies that you no longer have concept of Truth. We see each other and we live much as you do, but we do not have a dense physical casing which you possess. The benefits and comforts of this living are enormous. The compression and irritations of the fleshly envelope are most uncomfortable, I am told by my brothers who experienced there.

Unless we choose to convert the vibrational frequency of our bodies (or anything else about us) to one which is visible to your optics, we remain invisible to your people. Highly evolved people, with a good ‘psychic eye’, as you might refer to it, can sometimes see us in vaporous form, although we may remain invisible to one in the same location. Further, if one can see us, it is usually intended and the conversion is so complete that a physical person encountering us will perceive that we too are physical.

Dharma, it is most difficult to believe you put all mine brethren through this interrogation. Perhaps Hatonn trained you too well. Well, I wish you to be as informed as possible, so let us continue.

We have all the elements you recognize from your planet, and many, many more. The etheric form of these metals differs in atomic and molecular just as do we as beings, defined by the term “etheric”. For example, the distance between the nucleus and the orbiting electrons of the etheric “iron” ‘nucleus’ substance (I effort at exampling something to which you can relate) is much greater than in iron as you know it on Earth. This permits the atoms of earthly “steel or other Shan metals” to pass through the atoms of etheric “steel” in such a manner that nothing happens to either form. All etheric matter vibrates at a much higher rate than does its Earth counterpart.

Under certain circumstances, however, as in the presence of certain atmospheric conditions and gases, our ships will be visible. Or, the controlling intelligence of the craft can cause visibility. While in the etheric form, even a spacecraft measuring many miles in diameter cannot be damaged or injured by physical matter nor can its contents for all are vibrating at equal frequency. When the vibration is slowed to match Earth manifestation all are vulnerable just as would be your own manifested matter.

Normally our ships remain invisible in form for several reasons. There are millions of ships out here and if we functioned in your visual frequency, you wouldn’t be able to move off the ground. This way, we do not interfere with you children playing pilot. Further, it would terrify you ones in mass consciousness.

You have to now move without your solar system to encounter other humanoid forms like yourselves. All of your other planets at this present time in your solar system are inhabited by etheric beings. I speak of outside the earth-moon system in your solar system. As you know, on your Earth planet there are two kinds of beings, physical and astral. At the present time almost all of the astral realms of your planet have been taken to safety elsewhere.

SPACE PEOPLE AND SPIRIT PEOPLE

I will speak of differences between space people and spirit people, though I feel completely uncomfortable in that I fear you may not understand.

The differences are great, although to the cursory glance it may seem that space people ARE spirits. However, it all comes down to a matter of the condition in which we dwell. We are etheric beings, in your expression. By this, I mean that we live upon a higher plane of existence. We are not discarnate in the sense of having no bodies. We have etheric bodies which are counterparts of your bodies but which are made of a more tenuous substance, and which are not subject in the same way to gravitational effects. The etheric state in which we dwell is one of many on an ascending evolutionary scale to which we all belong you too!

Above us, for example, are beings more highly evolved than are we by as great a chasm as there is between ourselves and you Earth human. This is not meant in any derogatory sense towards you, but merely as a factual statement about the scales on which we dwell.

Upon our plane of life we have much the same type of existence as you do, although it is free of the corruptions, crimes and undesirable elements which are to be worked out of a being’s life streams before he may pass into the etheric state. We do not participate in things of flesh nature, cohabitation, etc., although we have families and responsibilities much as yours.

Earth is a testing ground; is a testing ground—one of many hundreds of thousands of testing grounds in the Universe where beings evolve upwards on the scale of life, working constantly towards junction with the Great One as the ultimate attainment of all existence.

We upon the etheric planes; pass on to higher planes just as do you, from earth, when qualified to do so. This transformation on your plane is termed ‘death’. To us, it is merely a ‘transformer’ interposed between us and the next level of life to which we ascend. We will stress once more, the greatest factor in the way of a proper grasp of the true story of life on your planet is the conception of death as the END of all existence. Nothing could be further from truth. Upon your plane, you must serve out an evolutionary period before you can ascend to higher worlds. The fleshly bodies which you have are part of a plan to aid your working through that scale of existence.

EARTH = BOTTOM OF LADDER

At your level of density (second density, third dimension), you must endure savage crimes, strife, wars and violence. The Great One, God, in His wisdom, has seen fit to use the fleshly body as the most convenient method of taking care of this almost elemental stage of development.

I believe I will avoid the discussion of reincarnation, etc., or the numbers of discarnate souls in your astral plane for there are only ones there now that have been carefully planned to be there, and that is not of this subject matter.

We have bodies of a tenuous but, nonetheless, real substance, vibrating at a rate much greater than your own. Spirit people are dwelling in astral form who cannot go beyond the astral form without serving out a life existence that accords growth in properness. Be cautious in contacting spirits from the astral planes.

They are very apt to play some pretty ugly pranks upon you in your fun and games. Further, you have now been requested to stop holding to those ones that they may be placed in security and safety.

I was most pleased and eager to place myself at the disposal of Michael and the Central Sun Hierarchy. I have a great dedication to honor and service with integrity. I am stationed immediately at the right hand of my Beloved Sananda and I rarely leave that position at least, theoretically. I will defend against the most ardent foe of Truth, as taught by the Master, the Laws of Universal Creation. I respect those of the Satanistic realms and fleets as a creation of the Father Creator, but I will confront and abolish their devastating programs and will assist you in any way possible to stop their restrictions of man’s freedom.

NO FORTUNE TELLING

Before I take leave this evening I wish to make a comment or two for I have been summoned by you ones prior to this. That was, I believe, regarding my personal interactions on a personal level on your place. This is for others who receive of this information.

There are many erroneous claims made by those who crave personal publicity and attention. Anyone who attempts to invest us with powers of divination and announce themselves the recipients of information pertaining to the private affairs of individuals (unless they apply to serious matters of national, groupings, instruction for service, international or galactic importance) are guilty of falsification. Only insofar as they affect our plans (which must of necessity depend to a considerable extent on the understanding and cooperation of dwellers on your planet) will we pay any attention to your own purely personal problems by prying into the future for answers to your queries. I believe Hatonn has thoroughly versed you on that account. NO FORTUNE TELLING.

Souls must struggle with their own growth problems as every other soul has ever had to do. We have not indulged in fortune telling as a sponsored activity because of the need of the soul to make its own choices and decisions. If it involves our programs in which we are a major player, we will make corrections. We do not impinge upon nor hinder the freedom of man’s free will to choose his pathway and actions. We strongly adhere to the freedom of man to be exercised and permitted without interference from another. If a commitment has been made for participation with us, however, we will continue to persistently urge you to fulfill that commitment. So be it.

Enough for today, little friend. I feel as if I have jumped through some cute little hoops but I will let you have your fun for your hours of service are long and you have such human curiosity. I am indebted for your service.

I will take my leave before I launch off into the realms of space fleets and diagrams of Federation, Galactic status and things of that nature. Perhaps we can get Ashtar out of the way tomorrow, for I want to lead you right into the subject of EVIL. Which, for those of you who think otherwise does exist and is about to annihilate you as a species.

So be it, and blessings from these stations. I will move to stand-by that you might bring this portion to a close.

ADONAI, ASHTAR OUT

World News Insights

Richard “Dick” Armitage’s past service to the Powers That Be included the Phoenix Project in Southeast Asia, a program of assassinations which probably resulted in the “up close and personal” deaths of up to 80,000 human beings. He was also instrumental in deposing Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines in 1986.

*For such SERVICE TO THE CROWN, Mr. Armitage has been knighted.
[QUOTING, emphasis added:]*

THE CROWN REWARDS RICHARD ARMITAGE WITH KNIGHTHOOD By Uri Dowbenko, 4/30/06

That’s “Sir” Richard Armitage to you, pal. The notorious Richard Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State under Colin Powell (2001 – 2005), was made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG).

The same bullet-headed, 300 lb.+ Richard Armitage has also been previously named as one of the primary US Government officials involved in narcotics trafficking by Golden Triangle warlord Khun Sa, according to James ‘Bo’ Gritz, author of “Called to Serve: Profiles in Conspiracy from John F. Kennedy to George Bush.” Gritz, who calls himself “America’s most decorated Green Beret commander,” was sent on a mission to try to rescue Vietnam War POWs from Southeast Asia, when he was introduced to Khun Sa in Burma.

“Since Khun Sa neither reads nor writes, at his direction, his secretary began to read off and carefully spell the names of the US Government officials with whom they had been dealing with in narcotics trafficking,” Gritz reports in his book.

- Theodore Shackley (former CIA Deputy Director for Covert Operations) was claimed by Khun Sa to be in charge of US involvement in the opium trade in Southeast Asia during the period 1965-1975

- Santos Trafficante (now deceased Mafia Don in Miami and Cuba) was the ‘Civilian’ enlisted to assist in the trafficking and distribution of narcotics into the United States

- Richard Armitage (Assistant Secretary of Defense fir International Security Affairs) handled the financial transactions, according to Khun Sa, of the US narcotics trade with the banks in Australia

- Daniel Arnold (Former CIA station chief in Thailand) was recruited by Armitage as his replacement to handle drug and arms trafficking

- Jerry Daniels (deceased CIA agent) who replaced Armitage in Bangkok after Armitage returned to the United States

Gritz was shocked at these revelations. “Then it was as if someone had turned on a light in my mind,” Gritz continues..“..If Richard Armitage was, as Khun Sa avowed, a major participant in parallel government drug trafficking, then it explained why our efforts to rescue POWs had been inexplicably foiled, time after time. Almost continuously since the end of US military involvement in Vietnam, it had been the responsibility of Richard Armitage in one capacity or another to account for the MIAs and bring home American POWs, while they are still alive.”

The UK Guardian (April 24, 2006) reports – “Honoured with a KCMG is Richard Armitage, deputy secretary of state under Colin Powell between 2001 and 2005 and a leading player in rallying diplomatic support for the Iraq invasion. Mr

Armitage’s role in the Iran-Contra arms smuggling scandal was controversial enough to prevent him becoming Army Secretary in 1989. He worked alongside Oliver North to trade arms to Iran illegally and siphon profits to the Nicaraguan contra rebels.”

(<http://politics.guardian.co.uk/foreignaffairs/story/0,1759894,00.html>). And that warrants a knighthood? Or was it the revenue stream from narcotics trafficking that helped fill the coffers of the Crown? “In all, nine Americans received honours for helping to strengthen relations between the US and Britain, notably during the Iraq war,” the Guardian reports. Colin Powell, Armitage’s boss, on the other hand, was made a Knight Commander of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath (KCB), for his “services” in the first Gulf War.

Other American toadies, rewarded for their faithful service and/or allegiance to the Crown include former US President “Sir” George Herbert Walker Bush, former Fed Chairman “Sir” Alan Greenspan, and former New York City Mayor “Sir” Rudolf Giuliani.

These guys obviously aren’t very familiar with the US Constitution which says, “No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince or foreign State.” (Article I, Section 9)

In another ironic postscript, Gritz notes in his book ‘Called To Serve,’ “In fact a PBS news documentary detailed in September 1990 how the US State Department expedited shipments of high-tech military hardware to Iraq right up to the day Kuwait was invaded.” That was the First so-called Gulf War or Iraq War I. “One of the key officials involved in the approval of those sales was none other than Richard Armitage in his position as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. When asked by the narrator whether he felt any concern over the current state of affairs with Iraq poised to use those weapons against our own troops, Armitage replied sheepishly that he and his superiors ‘felt it was right at the time’ and ‘hoped no one gets hurt as a result.’”

The question remains unanswered—when he mentioned “superiors, did Armitage mean the US Government or did he mean the British Crown? But then, in the final analysis, does it really make a difference?

[Not at all. The U.S. government is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Crown, which operates out of the City of London.]

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The next writing offers hope that the Philippines has awakened to its plight and will follow the lead of other Asian nations in regards to its sovereignty. We give thanks to the Daily Tribune and Alejandro Lichauco for permission to reprint the following ‘Analysis’ column.

[QUOTING:]

US’ CRUMBLING WORLD CLOUT AND THE RP SITUATION By Alejandro Lichauco, 4/27/06

...It was in that setting of American global supremacy that the Philippines regained its independence in 1946 but that independence—originally snatched by the US in 1898 and eventually “returned” in 1946—as everyone knows, was a fraud. It was never for real, was never intended to be for real, because from the start it was official US policy to preserve this country as its dependency. As discussed in earlier pieces, in 1949 the Truman administration approved a US State Department plan to ensure that the political leadership in this country remains in the hands of elements which the US government could control and that plan was implemented through a policy of US interventionism,

As discussed in earlier pieces, in 1949 the Truman administration approved a US State Department plan to ensure that the political leadership in this country remains in the hands of elements which the US government could control and that plan was implemented through a policy of US interventionism, carried out principally through the CIA, which has virtually handpicked the nation’s presidents.

Central to that plan was the systematic destruction of nationalism and the cultivation of a class of political leaders in whom would be cultivated and nourished what the late Claro M. Recto described as a “colonial mentality.”

It is that colonial mentality that has distinguished Filipino political leadership as a whole and set them apart as a political class from the post-war political leadership of other nations in Asia. It explains why, with very rare exceptions exemplified by the late Claro M. Recto, Jose W. Diokno and Lorenzo Tanada, the nation’s politicians have invariably been “pro-Americans” living in mortal fear of Washington.

Our presidents and aspiring presidents have been a far cry from — and indeed have stood as complete opposites of — India’s Jawaharlal Nehru, Malaysia’s Mahathir, Indonesia’s Sukarno, Cambodia’s Sihanouk, China’s Mao and Vietnam’s Ho, all of whom were singularly distinguished by their fierce sense of nationalism and obsession to preserve their nation’s sovereignty.

It was with reason that the former President Diosdado Macapagal, a few years before he passed away, urged Filipino politicians to stop pandering and kowtowing to Washington because, as he argued, as long as the nation’s political leaders are held captive by their colonial and pro-American mentality, this country will never get out of the economic rut in which it has been mired all this time.

Hopefully, the pro-American mindset of the nation’s leaders is bound to change, and perhaps even reversed, as the US increasingly becomes the object of ridicule and contempt throughout the world and as once seemingly powerless and hopeless Asian states such as China, India, Malaysia and Vietnam take on center stage, economically and militarily.

What do these rising Asian states have in common? It is the fierce sense of sovereign nationhood that has been the driving force behind the political motivation and policies of their leaders. It is that fierce sense of sovereign nationhood that has driven and inspired the likes of Nehru, Mahathir, Mao, Nasser and Park Chung-hee — the founders of modern Asia — to gatecrash the industrial age in record time and engineer their own industrial revolution, to become in brief newly-industrialized countries or NICs.

It was their transformation into NICs that enabled our Asian neighbors, once poorer and more wretched than we are, to emerge as viable societies

and prevented their fragmentation and dissolution as nation-states.

That is the clear lesson which China, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia hold out for us and we have no choice but to heed that lesson if we are to escape dismemberment and dissolution as a nation-state. Hopefully, it is the disintegration of America as a world power that would enable us to finally grasp and heed that lesson.

The question is, who among the political figures in the horizon has at least the potential of being the nation’s Nehru or Mahathir? Until such figure emerges, this piece hazards the guess that GMA stays. Either that or it doesn’t really matter whether she stays.

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The Uniform Commercial Code is the Law of the Land in the United States and soon, throughout the entire world. It is actually based on Maritime or Admiralty Law and was thoroughly explained in the George Mercier series run previously in this paper. We present the following writing as a reminder of the significance of Contract Law in today’s society, where the law no longer even efforts at determining issues of right and wrong.
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UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE FOR SLAVES

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Sovereignty is a fundamental spiritual truth which we bring with us into our bodies when we incarnate. From that place of sovereignty we may make any contract we so choose, in any and / or all dimensional and parallel realities. Some such contracts may betray the integrity of our sovereignty. Only the individual can discern whether the benefits and obligations of a contract warrant their entering or maintaining such contract. The freedom to not contract is being extinguished by raw martial force. By the end of 2006, The United States’ corruption and tyranny will make one’s lawful status, as per the Uniform Commercial Code, absolutely irrelevant. Not until 2013 will a ray of the light of freedom begin to shine upon TerRa again. Until then, we’ll all be treated as wards of the state even when we refuse to be. The condition usually known as adulthood, that of self responsibility, is being prohibited by force.

When you put a whole group of students together in a school, there is less focus upon the individual student, and their individual needs... you have a curriculum to run, and they’re all supposed to more or less “get with the program”, and learn the lessons offered through certain group experiences. The good of the group, the overall growth of the group, is what the staff has to focus upon, though sometimes you bother to grab a particularly wayward or exceptional student and give them special lessons, nevertheless, their overall experience in the school is that of the group. In different classes there may be different groups of students, but overall, it’s all the school’s generic experience.

Ter-Ra (ter, tertiary, third planet of)-(Ra, Sun, Sol, our solar system), also known as Ea-Rth (kingdom of the god Ea (Sumerian)), like many planets, experiences periods of relative stability, punctuated by events of cataclysmic proportions. Sometimes the cataclysms are “man-made”, as in warfare (e.g. the nuclear wars written of in the Ancient Vedic texts that chronicle history of greater than 5000 years ago), as in “godly” destruction of “human” creations (the nuclear destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah), “natural”, (as in comet collisions), “tectonic”, (as in earthquakes, pole-shifts), or “intentional”, (as in the explosion over

Tunguska (by ancient technology) which “shot-down” a dangerous invader). Some of these catastrophic changes are predictable, and for those sufficiently advanced, time travel or remote viewing (psychic) awareness provides advanced warning of events to come. During the periods between catastrophies, the planet, like so many others throughout many galaxies, is used by various “star nations” (as the “Native Americans” call them), for various purposes.

In times past there was an empire of “star people”, who genetically engineered a warrior race for service to them. Eventually the warrior race rose against their masters. There have also been equivalents where we replace the concept of “warrior” with “slave”. It’s always a challenge to build a subservient race with enough abilities to serve you well, but not quite the abilities and consciousness to demand to “be equal”. Perhaps many races need to learn to stop abusing others, even if they “create” them, for war and slavery, eh? Anyhow, regardless the rightness or wrongness of who done what... a rebellion was squashed.

We know that “England” or “The United Kingdom” took its’ criminals and banished them to the island of Australia, “down under”, assigning the island as a penal colony. Well, the abusive empire banished its’ “fallen angels” who had rebelled against their abuse, to the penal colony known to us as “Earth”. Many of the souls incarnate here, are the prisoners, the fallen angels, who rose up and dared to claim equality, who rose up against the abuse of enslavement. However, their previous experiences as the “warrior race” have not been balanced, so many of the souls on Ter-Ra are very aggressive. Having been warriors, they “gravitate to” hierarchical organizations of a nature that the hierarchy operates in domination and “authority”. Having a military government of hierarchical authoritarian domination nature, is what many souls “are used to”.

Other groups of extra-terrestrials (those outside(extra-) Ter-Ra) came to Ea-Rth to mine its’ gold, to be shipped to their home planets, for uses such as repairing atmospheres ecologically damaged by technology. These ETs genetically engineered one branch of the Negroid race to be a slave race to work as miners of gold. Each sub-race of humans is primarily populated with souls from particular star nations, with corresponding “issues” and “blessings” of knowing and experience, or some agenda or purpose that was or is still associated with them.

So, as we survey the landscape we discover that the “students” in the great Ter-Ra school have mostly experienced abuse at the hands of their creators, the “gods”. In all honesty, the “gods” were not particularly more advanced when they genetically engineered us, than we are now. They abused power, to do whatever they pleased with us. That by comparison to us they are in a position of power and control, doesn’t mean they are healthy.

The Pleiadians “terraformed” or engineered this current cycle of Ter-Ra to sustain 500,000,000 people (half a billion). There are now 14 times that many people living on the surface of Ea-Rth. This situation produces scarcity, struggle, conflict, war... which continually triggers the human souls who are cast-down galactic warriors, to express their warrior nature and fight and kill each other to obtain or control the scarce resources. A large portion of “humanity” tends to use warfare to deal with any “problems”, and we have an endless supply of “problems” produced by the simple fact of a factor of overpopulation of 14. At the rate we’re going, we will succeed in collapsing the eco-system of Ter-Ra, and it will cease to be able to support even the half-billion it was engineered to support.

There have been many galactic teachers and healers who have come to this school and have tried to heal and teach the students the lessons they need to learn to be in balance, and to live in balance. Those students who fail their final exams in this school, will have their souls extinguished, not tortured perpetually in “hell”... we’re already “in hell” here. Those students who pass their final exams, will get to “ascend” out of “this reality” into another reality, their “heavenly reward”. Of the nature of the reality which will be the “ascended reality” shared by those souls “who ascend”, all I can say of the visions shown me, is: trust that it’s going to be good enough to have made all this worthwhile. In the meantime, have absolutely no fear about the future. Do the best you can each day to uplift yourself and those souls willing to choose to uplift themselves and others. Completely come to peace with the destruction coming, for it is a necessary cleansing and purging of evil.

The “reality” experienced as “humanity upon Ter-Ra” is the cocreated shared collective reality produced karmically by the choices of each and every soul incarnate here. The reality here is so hellatious because the masses of souls make seriously negative choices. One has to be very selective of whom one cocreates with, that one “rotten apple” does not poison the entire barrel of apples... you have to exclude those who are committed to negative choices from even participating, or the hell they bring to the group has to be experienced by everyone present. Thus, this is the final chance for the negative souls to begin making positive choices before their very souls are extinguished...[the ATON is an infinite creator, so perhaps another way to say that might be ‘put in the memory banks of creation’] so that the rest of us can have a positive experience in our cocreated shared collective future reality.

It has been hoped and tried by many of us lightworkers that the collective would shift, but it has become pretty evident that it will in fact not shift en masse, and therefore in these endtimes we are doing what we can to save as many souls as possible before the extinction... but we have reached the point of diminishing returns, as the collective now spirals down into darkness, evil, irresponsibility, tyranny, corruption, etc. And so it is that... the Redemption offered by the “UCC Redemption of Title process”, which is absolutely true and righteous, will cease to be respected anywhere in America, by the end of 2006; the planetary descent into darkness, tyranny, and corruption in government will be so total. [The last couple of decades already qualify]. The collective consciousness chose not to shift...[it’s not over until the fat lady sings] too many people just were unwilling to act upon the information, [as Commander Hatonn often said, “It only takes one.”] or not ready... too inured, too dependent upon their current relationship with the system, to change. The descent into darkness will extinguish the planet as we know it, [no, but man will try] pretty much as predicted by the Mayan calendar, which ends December 22, 2012. [The Mayan calendar is all about Universal time and yes, we are approaching the beginning of a new cycle.] In the meantime, do what you can to heal the souls who are willing... don’t waste your precious time on trying to change anyone’s will...[the Word of God is going forth] it’s triage time! Because the level of karma which comes from a choice, is related to the level of consciousness, [yes and that consciousness can reach a stage of dharma as in righteousness] you cannot make lower choices than your consciousness permits, without bad consequences. This is the key to maintaining one’s status among the ascending.

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NEVADA CORPORATIONS:

Respect Your Corporation And Others Will Have To

Budget’s “Tip of the Week” #14:

Maintaining Separation Between the Corporation and Yourself

When properly handled, a corporation is a legal “person”, separate, distinct and totally apart from you. The key to keeping things that way is to ensure that the corporation is indeed properly treated. The quickest way to lose the protection afforded by your corporate shelter is for you to treat it with disrespect.

One simple thing that many people fail to do on a regular basis—and which can tear down the walls of separation between themselves and a corporation—occurs when they sign documents in behalf of their “brainless child” (corporation). All it takes to do things right is to follow the signature with an indication that you are acting as an agent or officer of the corporation rather than in a personal capacity. If you are acting as a particular officer, as the vice president, for example—follow your signature with, “, Vice President” or “, VP”. In cases where you would rather not disclose any particular position held within the corporation you may sign as “John Doe, Agent”, which simply means that you are acting as an agent for the corporation and NOT in a personal capacity.

The above advice applies to ALL situations where you might sign for the corporation, including checks, of course, but also when signing such mundane things as invoices for goods received or services performed. And it certainly applies to any kind of agreement—a lease, purchase or rental agreement, for instance—as well as corporate resolutions. After a while you will find that you do this automatically and thus automatically uphold the fundamental protective insulation of your separateness from the corporate entity.

Failure to adhere to this basic corporate formality “could” allow a prospective litigant to assert that the corporation is nothing more than a “straw man” and that it actually functions only as your “alter ego”. We have put the word “could” in parentheses because in Nevada there actually exists only one case in the last quarter-century where a prospective litigant managed to “pierce the corporate veil” and cause liability to be assessed against the corporation’s owner/manager—and that was a case of outright and unabashed fraud. It’s great to have that measure of protection but you can easily bolster it by developing the good habit of following your signature with a title.

The next essential step in maintaining separation between the corporation and yourself is to always document key decisions made for the corporation in the form of corporate resolutions. If you do not know how to construct a resolution, give us a call and we will be pleased to help out. Menawhile, if all you do is put a simple memo into the “resolutions” section of your corporate records, you will have taken a MAJOR step toward maintaining your Nevada corporation’s uneqaled liability protection.

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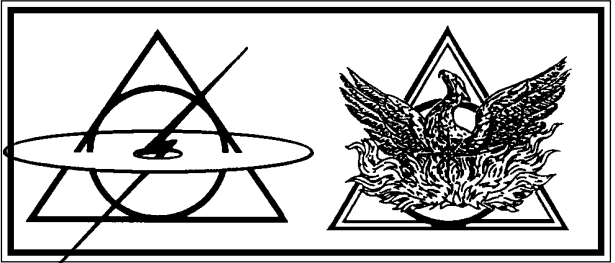
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