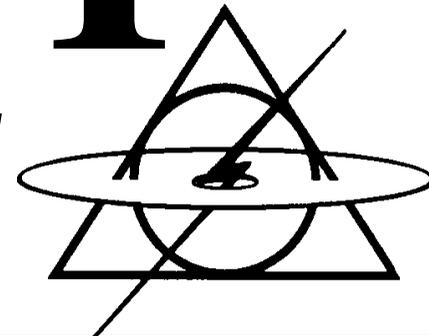


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# Many Filipinos Subsist In Subhuman Conditions

Where's the minimum of 400,00 metric tons of gold in the Central Bank of the Philippines?

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RE: FREEDOM? "FREEDOM MANIFESTO"  
(Quintos). OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS  
ON ONGOING DEBACLES HERE AND THERE

### THERE

**Hatonn**—Since the papers and media are overflowing with seemingly insane presentations perhaps we should stick to "here" (Philippines) in "our" writings and leave the U.S., etc., to the Editor. There is gross overwhelm for anyone trying to choose the best information to offer from news "you never get otherwise", from those WTC towers being imploded intentionally to some now boiling cauldron of "again invade Iraq". You just have to have Armageddon, don't you? Well, you are tromping all over the proper PLACES so just wait.

I do, however, suggest you sharpen up your security places and stash a bit of grain to get you by—just in case!

The "Titans" are clashing to see who will be the winner of the skirmishes afoot, for there is no foundation of economical stability on which to "fall back".

THE EURO JUST PASSED THE DOLLAR, READERS, IN VALUE! Moreover, it is because of the bit of gold required [15%] to back that Euro. It isn't much but it makes THE difference and DOES INDICATE **THE U.S. DOLLAR IS IN SLIPPAGE GLOBALLY.**

### YAMASHITA GOLD

To you who have had opportunity to see the recent release from *National Geographic* on that Yamashita "treasure", don't get swept away into the nonsense that it is true just because it comes forth

from *National Geographic*. The entire presentation is built on farce whether or not there was, is or ever shall be a Yamashita Treasure. THAT is NOT the treasure which is now excluded even a mention in such a program produced for total distraction and obfuscation of what is REAL.

No, I do NOT wish to fill in blanks, for that which we now hold focus has NOTHING to do with anything so silly as a Japanese drama conjured and written by U.S. agencies.

You will note that the major focus is around a Mr. Curtis who is a con artist out of Nevada, no less, and into the fray were sucked many which includes an author (paid to write disinformation for the Cory Aquino administration when the Aquino murder debacle took place). This all is intended to cover the REAL and TRUE corruption, thefts and graft of at least three (but more) administrations in the Philippines—along with the co-conspirators from

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the U.S./Marcos projects ending with the abduction and ultimate death of said Marcos.

Never mind Gen. Yamashita, for **the point is the “supposed to be present and accounted” minimum of 400,000 metric tons of gold in the Central Bank of the Philippines.**

Even more important but just as “convenient” is whether or not the CB is owned by the Philippines OR ROTHSCHILD. Either way, court orders show over and over again, even through the Supreme Court (at least twice), WHO OWNS THAT GOLD AND WHICH IS TO BE PAID ALONG WITH PROPER LAND TITLES ISSUED. COURT ORDERS ALSO STATE THAT MISCREANTS BE LEGALLY BROUGHT TO COURT AND LANDS RETURNED TO THE PROPER OWNERS—THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THE COUNTRY WHOSE ADMINISTRATOR IS A “PRINCE TALLANO”. There is no ability to “misunderstand” and the Supreme Court has ruled and ordered that no further litigation be entered on the matter.

HOWEVER, it is not so simple (as you might well expect) as evicting squatters from the properties, since some of the SQUATTERS are such major entities as NAPOCOR, the National Power Corp. now trying to privatize the company. This, however, means eviction of at least three MAJOR communities in the most extravagant part of Manila/Makati. The lands “claimed” by NAPOCOR are actually leased to homeowners. THAT status can’t be “privatized” until the land titles are totally cleared.

Perhaps YOU might believe these things are instant in their solutions? Sorry, even on Philippine time it is dead weight and watch. The entire Makati/Ayala complex is on Tallano LAND. This includes massive condominiums, malls, hotels and exclusive subdivisions of the highest-priced real estate in the nation.

Now, readers, if you find any reference to V.K. Durham, Russell Herman, *Spectrum*, or otherwise listed “enemies” of “us the local players”, then you cannot read well. **And no it is not fun to keep having to scrape the parasites off everything around.** But we certainly enjoy the updating of “time” limitations and having the participating parties named, yea even on international Internet. I would guess there are some pretty scared parties stewing in their own pots along about now.

It is appropriate, however, to acknowledge that those players do keep giving us backup for future (very near future) confrontation. Just today we have a full declaration of one “informant” revealing of SELF-involvement, giving false information, and intent to slander, interfere with business and THAT referencing business interchanges which are connected to NOTHING of said informer or miscreant colleagues. This party in point is deepening the pit for the ones just trying NOW to extricate themselves to preserve what freedom they still enjoy.

## TYPHOONS AND MONSOONS

The Philippine Islands are swamped with about as much water inland as in the surrounding sea. Even the fishponds overflowed and fishing was taking place right in the downtown streets. This was also a major occupation for the areas of the flooded rice fields and garden crop areas.

So, with floods (or no floods as could be established) the elections proceeded with the Administration stating that there was little trouble.

Little trouble? Oh well, if you consider that a lot of the polls were closed but full ballot boxes were presented from the “closed” voting places and over 80 people KILLED in the quiet and orderly election, we concur it was “little trouble”.

The poor lady president is being upstaged by her OWN PARTY people who put her into the hotseat in the first place (UNLAWFULLY). Oh well. Part of the claim is to try to cover former President Ramos’ plunder and corruption and missing billions upon billions of pesos belonging to THE PEOPLE. The “electric power” mess associated with U.S. usurpers (like Enron, Andersen, etc.) is equally involved and darned if everything they have usurped isn’t on “Tallano” lands!

What do God and helpers do? Oh, just try to keep the playing field a bit level through the storms.

Is this not a bit hard on the messengers? Oh indeed, but progress was never “easy” and we can attend the necessary cleanup when it is more appropriate and convenient. Besides, by then there will be ever so much more evidence and assistance from the very Feds who were involved in the nasty fabricated debacle.

Diane can bear whatever is assigned to her load and my goodness, does she ever have a Civil case to end them all against the misinformers starting with Rick Martin, Kathy Ward and such as contributors Janet Bilger (who COULD HAVE had NO valid or legal input whatsoever).

Diane should have no problem with “probation” even for five years for she is certainly, along with everyone else involved as reported by the miscreants, OUT OF ANY LOOP EVEN REMOTELY INVOLVING PRODUCTS OR DISTRIBUTION THEREOF. And readers, that is the only focus of the probation AT ALL.

Diane is the ONLY party mentioned and therefore if, for instance, Jack the husband, wanted to continue whatever, he could certainly do so. It is ONLY Diane that can have her computer raided and checked at ANY TIME without warrant or warning. That should be easy enough to handle.

Moreover, those Ekkers that the culprits were REALLY AFTER, were specifically found to have NOTHING upon which to even consider indictment. More than that fact, Ekkers have been away (out of the U.S.) on OTHER business than anything associated with any of the parties involved, for four years on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Much the less, readers everywhere, note that it is certainly impossible to have a “cult” as claimed by anyone when there NEVER was such

a thing and certainly is NOTHING at present. Sorry, to you who would wish otherwise.

One of the Fed agents involved referred to the whole incident as “a debacle” and that status gets no better for them as the years pass along and the interviewees are PROVEN to be liars. Even Federal agents can be embarrassed. I personally would not care to be on the receiving end of what will come in a lawsuit when the agents again have to testify in deposition.

Everything the Ekkers do is not only monitored by the Feds but guidelines are issued by those said Feds—TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE! Furthermore, V.K. Durham continues to put to international distribution that they certainly DO have sheltering from those said Feds.

In addition to the above recognition, assets are set aside for use when the U.S. requests same. We have kept totally within all guidelines and agreements with full intent to continue to do so. Perhaps it would be easier for such as V.K. to have to recognize that “GAIA” is just a short alphabetical ID for something which is more often referred to as “Global” and which is in every way established, an ALLIANCE which is in ASSOCIATION with other parties—all of which are under total legal requirements and open monitoring of all activities and documents of agreement.

Accomplishment seems long in timing? Well, what have YOU accomplished in less than four years? How many of YOU find delay upon delay in everything you touch, especially as regards funding or legal closures? This team has to work with every brickbat that can be thrown against us, including SECRET liars making claims which are totally invalid in EVERY instance. Those persons are no longer protected for the information documents got revealed. Oh well...! Moreover, Mr. Price published information in a local MAJOR newspaper as directly received from Rick Martin which was likewise erroneous.

My further suggestion is that anyone looking for a “Hatonn cult” should immediately be referred to Dr. Young of *Spectrum* whose publication continues to use “Hatonn” in full identification (except for the writer thereof). It was claimed that “Hatonn” not only went with “them” but, moreover, gave over full control of everything to Dr. Young and his cult of fools.

Even the “fine” ordered against Diane was simply a mandatory item set forth by the “system”, along with a supervised period which somehow is a simple residential place where you have to pay expenses as you would any check-in arrangement. This is why the fine had to be represented in such a high dollar value; to prevent the Fed from having to provide an attorney should she have decided on and demanded a trial, AND to pick up expenses already incurred by the court. What a major disappointment this must have been to the miscreants who came to witness the wolf eating Little Red Riding Hood.

What the bad kids on the block have done, however, is give Diane grounds for a REAL case in which the Feds will be obligated to come back against

the “disinformation” informers. Under ALL circumstances there was NOTHING other than hearsay and gossip mongering.

No wonder that bunch of “little devils” had to steal records and files to keep from being found-out before any hearing AT ALL. And no wonder they scattered like roaches when the light was turned on. Sometimes, readers, you must let things properly unfold in their own appropriate time. Please remember this the next time you complain about the foot-dragging of God’s response to your petitions for instant self-gratification.

Yes, you can bet we will always reveal the truth no matter how much the guilty little players object, complain and call names. THAT IS WHAT TRUTH IS ALL ABOUT!

We are happy to have enough time elapse to insure that all the “big” players have had opportunity to check, delve into and find valid our position and holdings. It is inconvenient, nothing more! The sorting away of some who have made those choices has also required “time”—for God “allows” while each must choose his own singular pathway and direction.

It is truly sad that a few snoopers take the information in *CONTACT* and use it for their own purposes of destruction, for it causes us to have to limit the sharing as to this job here. It is fine, however, as things do not get lesser; only greater.

In this interim of preparation it is noted that there are people coming out of seemingly “nowhere” who want to make a contribution of service and ask input as to possibility of participation in a most constructive way. We are, in fact, just about to triple or quadruple the value of the “deuterium” potential because with that project come unexpected connections with other projects which were awaiting the proper people for follow-through.

There are others with years of labor into building some kind of a potential foundation for achievement of growth and stability in the local society here in the Philippines. One such program is called “*FREEDOM MANIFESTO FOR A FREEDOM NATION*”.

Not only do we have permission to publish any portion or all of the project and yes, schools in progress for Filipinos, but grateful thanks for just allowing audience and sharing. THIS IS WHAT WILL CHANGE A WORLD.

The information is written (directed) to the Philippine Nation but has no boundaries or limitations. If you would change your world—you must start with SELF.

I believe you will find this offering interesting enough to enjoy at least a portion of the presentation of this “manifesto”. Later perhaps we can share some of the lessons through which it is intended to rebuild some self-esteem within the citizens and thus rebuild the nation. This too is true of anywhere, global Earth. YOU MUST “CHANGE THE MIND” if you would change a world.

The man’s name is Rolando N. Quintos and has a foundation called PNI. On his second visit he brought a “booklet” which was a companion to a Seminar in 1989. Further, he was most gracious as to his inscription: [QUOTING]

July 15, 2002

For E.J. and Doris Ekker!

Thank you for coming to the Philippines. I prepared this little booklet as a companion to a Seminar I was running for business and salespeople in 1989.

I would appreciate any feedback or input from you & Doris!

By the way, the reading materials you gave me last Saturday are terrific!

I am still reading them and will get to you as soon as possible.

Gratefully, (RNQ)

[END QUOTING]

Wouldn’t you know that the teachings are exactly WHAT WE WOULD TEACH if we had Seminars? I knew you would!

This is the way God manifests, my beloved friends: by bringing HIS troops together to cover the needs presented. “When the student is ready, the teacher appears”—or just the opposite. No, it is NOT enough to access money even though ability to grow must start with the “facilities” WHICH ALLOW GROWTH. Always you must feed the starving FIRST. Relieve the pain and recognize “the way” and then haul assets!

There is full recognition of “God” in everything we do but yea, without reference to any religion or self-identified “God” by label. Strange? No, NOT IF YOU KNOW GOD!

The following from the “Manifesto” was compiled in June 2002. Already it will be noted that financial numbers are obsolete but centavo accuracy is not in point here. It is concept which must be acknowledged as a “way to go”.

[QUOTING *FREEDOM MANIFESTO FOR A FREEDOM NATION*, By Rolando N. Quintos and PNI Foundation, June 19, 2002:]

## PART ONE

### INTRODUCTION

WE DEMAND A GOVERNMENT  
THAT SERVES FIRST BEFORE IT TAXES

A FREEDOM MANIFESTO FOR A FREEDOM  
NATION BY ROLANDO N. QUINTOS—PNI  
FOUNDATION

A CAPSULE SUMMARY OF ITS KEY POINTS

We all want a better life. Why, in a land of Plenty, is there so much misery? Why can’t we enjoy the social and economic benefits that our progressive Asian neighbors are enjoying today?

The problem is not primarily one of personalities—whether it is Macapagal or Marcos, Cory or Ramos, Estrada, Arroyo-Macapagal or whoever—is not the primary issue. The problem is not personal; it is systemic. The single biggest oppressor of the Filipino people is the unlimited government of Patronage Politics. By Patronage Politics we mean the whole system of using

government as a tool, not of WHAT’S TRUE, WHAT’S REALLY FAIR AND BENEFICIAL TO THE WHOLE SOCIETY, but of WHAT’S GOOD ONLY FOR MY FAMILY, MY CRONIES, MY SUPPORTERS. The socially destructive practices of all Patronage Politicians—before, during and after Marcos—have created a practically unlimited government of power over the whole people instead of a limited servant government which truly governs the whole economy and society for the highest good of the whole society. These malpractices of misgovernment which were not reversed after Marcos have now produced a monstrously bloated bureaucracy of some 1,500,000 employees, with a ratio of one government employee per every 43 private citizens, spending P362 billion this year, or almost one Billion a day! This results in massive wastage, criminal graft and corruption, uncontrolled deficit spending and massive government borrowing, printing more paper money without increasing the nation’s productivity. All the malpractices have resulted in the most pernicious invisible taxation of the whole people—price inflation, which means the erosion of the people’s purchasing power. All this is tantamount to stealing from the people.

All this, plus the massive distortion of the economy, undermines the productive capacity of the people as well as the moral fiber of the whole society. This means that small sections of society are becoming very rich at the expense of the poor becoming even poorer than before. **This explains why some 40% of our population, or some 26 million people, are suffering under sub-human conditions.**

In 2002, government is now spending more than P700 billion! The highest government budget under Marcos was P2 billion! From 1986 to 2002 is only 16 years. Even inflation cannot explain this explosion of government expenses!

What the nation needs is an effective servant government which cost-effectively governs the whole society for peak economic and social performance. This is impossible to do with a massively overstuffed bureaucracy, riddled with incompetent and corrupt elements. We need an effective servant government as in Switzerland or Hong Kong. With the fewest possible people in government and with the lowest possible tax rates, these progressive countries are operating on a surplus budget while achieving the lowest possible inflation and the highest possible per capita gross national product.

The first task of government is to drastically reform itself—by privatizing or cooperativizing all its privatizable operating functions, which means at least 90% of all its wasteful and socially destructive operations today. It should drastically reduce its manpower from 1,500,000 to some 65,000 of its most dedicated and honest personnel. It should cost-effectively manage its operations on a surplus budget of only 50% of its present collections. IT MUST CONSTITUTIONALLY INHIBIT ITSELF FROM SPENDING MORE THAN IT EARNS, FROM PRINTING MORE PAPER MONEY, AND FROM INCURRING ANY ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT DEBT UNLESS THESE ARE

SANCTIONED BY THE PRIOR EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE WHOLE FILIPINO PEOPLE. ALL GOVERNMENT LEADERS MUST DEMONSTRATE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE EXAMPLE OF HONEST AND DEDICATED SERVANT-LEADERSHIP OR THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BELONG TO GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THE WHOLE FILIPINO PEOPLE DESERVE ONLY THE BEST KIND OF SERVANT-LEADERSHIP WILLING TO SERVE IN A SERVANT GOVERNMENT STRIPPED OF “ITS TOO MUCH MONEY” AND “ITS TOO MUCH POWER OVER THE PEOPLE”. IT MUST BE A SERVANT LEADERSHIP READY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE NOT ON THE BASIS OF COMPULSORY TAXATION BUT ON THE BASIS OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE PART OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE DEPENDING ON THEIR PERCEPTION OF THE REAL VALUE OF THE SERVANT GOVERNANCE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE WHOLE SOCIETY.

Why? Every other institution in society depends on the voluntary support of the society it serves—the private school, the private church, the private business, the private social welfare organization. Why shouldn't government be forced to market its services to the people as well?

We appeal to the President and to all the dedicated and competent leaders in the whole government today to lead in the peaceful, non-violent task of dismantling and transforming the current system of corrupt Patronage Politics into a cost-effective instrument of servant governance to lead the whole society into peak economic and social performance.

As long as this current government is dominated by its corrupt Tradpol [traditional political] thinking, as long as it refuses to drastically transform itself by eliminating its “Patronage Politics”, its “pork barrel system”, its rampant vote-buying which illegitimizes the moral authority of the elective office, its bloated bureaucracy, its graft and corruption, its gross mismanagement of the economy with its habit of spending more than it earns, with its immoral government borrowing and its irresponsible printing of paper money, how can we expect people to voluntarily support a system of misgovernment which impoverishes the whole society and corrodes its moral conscience?

The cry of the whole people is loud and clear:

**“WE DEMAND A GOVERNMENT THAT SERVES PEOPLE BEFORE IT TAXES!”**

We the people, committed to the Principles of Truth and Freedom, commit today to one and all that we will never stop in our Peaceful, non-violent Freedom Movement until Truth and Freedom shall truly have become the Destiny of the whole FILIPINO PEOPLE.

The Freedom Manifesto is a declaration of the Principle: All corrupt practices that undermine Truth and Freedom are in the end doomed.

Today we declare that the tyranny of Patronage Politics is over! And the Age of the Freedom of the whole FILIPINO People has already begun!

## CHAPTER 1

### WHAT DO WE REALLY WANT AS A PEOPLE?

As a People, our wants are very simple. We want an Equal Opportunity for a Better Life. We want the simple freedoms—freedom from hunger, freedom from unemployment, freedom from poverty, which is “the worst form of violence”. We want to be able to exercise the freedoms of speech, of religion, of the press, and peaceful assembly. We want to be part of a Strong and Achieving Filipino Nation that we can all be proud to belong. We all want deep within our Filipino hearts and souls to make our country the Philippines proud of herself. We all want to build on this piece of earth we call the Philippines, a Real Home worthy of the dignity of the Real Filipino.

We all hear about the great progress of economic democracy in other lands—not only in America but also in Europe, in Japan, and closer to home, in Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, among others. And we ask ourselves: “Why can't we be like them?” Some of us remember when we were way ahead of our Asian neighbors, except only Japan. What happened to us? Why have we fallen so far behind? **Why, in a land of plenty, is there so much poverty?**

**There is no single material or physical reason why some 40% of our people should subsist in subhuman conditions.** An Israeli teacher, who visited our country some years ago, asked: “What have you Filipinos done to deserve all the bounty that God has given you? God has given you a garden; why are you turning it into a desert?” We must accept our share of responsibility. We have allowed ourselves to become poor. For there is no single material or financial reason why the great majority of us are today poor.

### THE ULTIMATE ROOT OF OUR MASSIVE POVERTY

If it is true that there is no material reason for our massive poverty in this land of plenty, what is the real reason? The great majority of our people are simple farmers used to the simple ways of living in the countryside. When the modern ways of politics, economics and technologies invaded our shores, our people felt lost just as they felt overwhelmed when the more advanced Spanish colonizers took charge over our lands and our lives some 400 years ago.

This was precisely why Jose Rizal and his fellow propagandists strove to awaken and educate the Filipinos during his time towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

After the Americans left us with our independence in 1946, the great majority of our people were still subsisting in the countryside with little or no knowledge of how to cope with the modern ways of life. We put on the formal trappings of a political democracy, but we did not really understand the principle nor the practice of government of the people, by the people, for the people. Consciously or subconsciously, the few leaders at the top, who held the reins of political and economic power, began to arrogate unto themselves power over the people. Instead of becoming servant leaders, of practicing responsible stewardship in the exercise of their leadership authority, they began to serve their own political and economic interests first before serving the real interests of the whole Filipino people.

This is the ultimate root of our national problem: We are suffering from a serious case of ignorance from top to bottom. At the lowest level of our society, our poor brothers are ignorant of how to cope with the ways of the modern world. At the highest positions of political and economic power, our so-called leaders are ignorant of their duty to practice servant leadership. They are ignorant of the principle of unlimited wealth creation. They have failed to realize that it is only by making the majority of the poor to become productive and achieving that they themselves can truly secure their wealth and power.

[END QUOTING: To be continued.]

PLEASE, let me remind you that this is offered by Filipinos for the Filipino brethren. How sad that in the advanced societies around the globe, the same truths are self-evident while at the same time the “brethren” do everything possible to pull down and destroy possibilities for a “better way”. We experience it constantly as self-centered individuals do everything they can to destroy potential possibilities for ALL the societies.

There is a saying here in the Philippines which is called the “Filipino mindset”. It states that the thought is “crab mentality” which notes that if you have a basket of crabs and one almost makes it to an escape at the top of the basket, the others will literally work ceaselessly to pull him back rather than help and cling on to gain freedom for all.

I do not notice that this is different from anywhere man is observed at work.

The mentality seems to be that if “I can't have it—nobody will survive to have it.” And “it” represents anything you wish to call it.

So, with some of us, the game simply will not prosper for the “getchers”. We continually receive total nonsense and fabrications beyond belief that any “adult” in the world would conjure such rubbish and then publish it abroad. It only CONDEMNS the culprit and diminishes the target NOT ONE IOTA.

Now, if anyone, even in the new circle of Rex Smith, knows where to find him or how to contact him, V.K. Durham states that Margie's “suspicious” death is being now investigated. And no, we have no further input into the matter. Perhaps it was not too wise of Rex to burn all his bridges. It is, of course, the lady with him that falls to first focus but circumstantial evidence reflects glaringly onto both parties as to being investigated. It is known that Margie's daughter-in-law fully intended this investigation to carry forth. The coalition with V.K. is well known.

By the way: Why would ANYONE call on V.K. Durham to get information about “what is happening with CONTACT? What information could V.K. Durham in Ida Grove, Iowa possibly have about CONTACT? Just an interesting observation for the day. And I repeat: Why would ANYONE inquire from a totally ignorant source of information?

It isn't happening, that's how! The output is total rubbish, fabrications and foolishness compounded.

May we keep our eye on the goal so that we fulfill our purpose and commitment to honor, truth, integrity and “a way through” for all and “that” includes those insisting on being recognized as our “enemies”. Satan can only make it “interesting” in the journey—not impossible.

I salute you for holding the course.—GCH

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# Darwinian Theory Becoming Extinct

7/11/02—#1 (15-329)

RE: CREATION VS. EVOLUTION AND OTHER  
DOGMA HOGWASH. INTELLIGENT DESIGN

## CAN THE DILEMMA BE SOLVED IN A COURTROOM?

PLEASE USE YOUR HEADS AS YOU  
CONSIDER THESE POSSIBILITIES.

**Hatonn**—I asked that Mark begin to share some of the more RECENT writings of “Nidle” and everyone seems to go nuts. There is nothing different than what we gave you ourselves at least back in 1989-90 and on. GOD WOULD NOT LEAVE HIS CREATIONS WITHOUT OPTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES, FOR THAT IS THE NATURE OF CREATOR AND EXPERIENCING MAN.

I have to again remind you that at this time THROUGH THIS SOURCE OF TASK FOCUS WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH THAT WHICH DOESN'T RELATE TO “THIS” JOB AT HAND.

THEREFORE, please let us share what some OTHERS are presenting for consideration so that you have some good perspectives and can better discern your perceptions and better JUDGE actions and presentations.

What I wish you would change is your illogical attitudes that somehow giant insects and monsters with wrinkled noses and foreheads are coming to “getcha”. All the garbage fed you is to frighten you out of your reasonable minds. If YOU make giant grasshoppers, it will certainly be through tampering on YOUR place, not “ours”. You can cross-alter ANYTHING and some of it will even “live” through the crossing process.

Enjoy *Star Trek* and “ET” but discount at least 99.99 percent of content.

When you understand that YOUR SPECIES are the desperate manipulator-maladjusted beings, we will, perhaps, have made some inroads into enlightenment. YOU HAVE FREE WILL. GOD ALLOWS.

I will share some of these presentations with you because they are thought provoking and most of you readers won't have access to articles which find it difficult to make it into print anywhere, much the less into what is readily available for your reading. Most of our CONTACT readers are neither avid Internet browsers nor subscribe to all of the very many establishment or non-establishment vehicles bearing information.

By the way, I have done my “revelations” regarding these topics and I simply got my people into trouble with the very misfits who intruded into our space, fed off our production and then came against us when they thieved, lied and actually stole our very property. It WILL work its way to the surface as to these deeds and WHO are the

miscreants. We need, however, to continue our tasks and let that unfold as it will for this interim space of time and location. Satan's tools are getting very nervous and desperation causes the culprits to make terrible blunders in their efforts to destroy goodness and balanced/harmonious progress.

For instance, in spite of all the flak thrown at our team in Southeast Asia—WE ARE MOVING RIGHT ALONG FORWARD! THE POTENTIAL GROWS; IT DOES NOT DIMINISH IN ANY QUARTER. WHY? BECAUSE WE DO THE “RIGHT” THING AND IT IS GOD'S MILLENNIUM, MY FRIENDS. You can struggle AGAINST that fact but it will not make one iota of difference. This, however, does not mean that it will not get worse in your perception before it seems better. God works without WAR so revolution in evolvment must take place as you move from darkness into and within Light.

You need to face facts, readers, not much of anything is as presented thus far and even this is in regards to planetary expression as well. What actually happened to the ancient civilizations for which you can't find more than fragmented clues? Come now, do you actually think God Creator is a blunderbuss? Is it possible you come in a series of presentations for SOUL experience? Well, how much has mankind grown from the dark ages? A bit in technology but diminished growth in soul achievement.

Some of us are BACK to allow us to bridge the amazing chasm which has evolved between the spiritual aspect of being and the purely physical (as in “technology”) aspect of EXPERIENCE. Yes indeed, the twain CAN meet and before we have finished our task, shall merge. Will YOU be around? Yes indeed, for that is strictly up to you—in one form or another!

With this in mind let us look at a presentation by a writer-researcher that bears attention. In this recognition we honor the author and appreciate NEXUS magazine for running the article.

[QUOTING NEXUS, June-July, 2002, pg. 41. Information regarding author at end of article:]

### **EVIDENCE FOR CREATION BY OUTSIDE INTERVENTION**

By LLOYD PYE

**[H: We offer sincere appreciation to the author and to the magazine. This is a thoughtful presentation regarding these divergent considerations of how man happened to come to be.]**

*Darwinists, Creationists and Intelligent Design  
Proponents are unable to explain  
anomalies in the emergence  
of domesticated plants, animals and humans*

### THE ABSURDITIES OF DOGMA

In 1905, a 25-year-old patent clerk named Albert Einstein demolished the 200-year-old certainty that Isaac Newton knew all there was to know about basic physics. In a technical paper only a few pages long, Einstein sent a huge part of his current “reality” to history's dustbin, where it found good company with thousands of other discards large and small. In 1905, though, Newton's discard was about as large as the bin would hold.

Now another grand old “certainty” hovers over history's dustbin, and it seems only a matter of time before some new Einstein writes the few (or many) pages that will bring it down and relegate it to history. And, as was the case in 1905, every “expert” in the world laughs heartily at any suggestion that their certainty could be struck down. Yet if facts are any yardstick—which should always be the case, but frequently isn't—Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection is moving towards extinction.

Please note this: Not everyone who challenges evolution is automatically a Creationist. Darwinists love to tar all opponents with that brush because so much of Creationist dogma is absurd. Creationists mulishly exclude themselves from serious consideration by refusing to give up fatally flawed parts of their argument, such as the literal interpretation of “six days of creation”. Of course, some have tried to take a more reasonable stance, but those few can't be heard over the ranting of the many who refuse.

**[H: I must now ask the nasty question: Is “Creation” the point or is the integrity of that historical BIBLE at issue here? Ponder it!]**

Recently a new group has entered the fray, much better educated than typical Creationists. This group has devised a theory called “Intelligent Design”, which has a wealth of scientifically established facts on its side. The ID-ers, though, give away their Creationist roots by insisting that because life at its most basic level is so incredibly and irreducibly complex, it could never have simply “come into being” as Darwinists insist.

Actually, the “life somehow assembled itself out of organic molecules” dogma is every bit as absurd as the “everything was created in six days” dogma, which the ID-ers understand and exploit. But they also suggest that everything came into existence at the hands of God (by whatever name) or “by means of outside intervention”, which makes clear how they're betting. “Outside intervention” is a transparent euphemism for “You Know What” (with apologies to J.K. Rowling). [In Rowling's “Harry Potter” books, the arch villain is so despicable and dreadful, his name should not even be uttered; thus he is referred to as “You Know Who”. Similarly, the very idea that humans might have been created by extraterrestrials is so despicable and dreadful to mainstream science and religion that no mention of it should be uttered; thus the author refers to it as “You Know What”. Ed.] To Darwinists, Creationists and ID-ers alike, creation at the hands of You Know What is the most absurd suggestion of all. Yet it can be shown that You Know What has the widest array of facts on its side and has the best chance of being proved correct in the end. **[H: Yes, I certainly do think you need to very carefully consider this perspective.]**

Virtually every scientist worth their doctorate will insist that somehow, some way, a form of evolution is at the heart of all life forms and processes on Earth. By “evolution”, they mean the entire panoply of possible interpretations that might explain how, over vast stretches of time, simple organisms can and do transform themselves into more complex organisms. That broad definition gives science as a whole a great deal of room to bob and weave its way towards the truth about evolution, which ostensibly is its goal. However, among the individual scientists that same broadness of coverage means nobody has a “lock” on the truth, which opens them up to a withering array of internecine squabbles.

In Darwin’s case, those squabbles were initially muted. Rightly or wrongly, his theory served a much higher purpose than merely challenging the way science thought about life’s processes. It provided something every scientist desperately needed: a strong counter to the intellectual nonsense pouring from pulpits in every church, synagogue and mosque in the world.

Since well before Charles Darwin was born, men of science knew full well that God did not create the Earth or anything else in the universe in six literal days. But to assert that publicly invited the same kind of censure that erupts today onto anyone who dares evolution openly. Dogma is dogma in any generation.

**[H: THIS is why we suggest you get all the information you can gather, study it all and then, my friends, BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU WISH—FOR YES INDEED, DOGMA IS DOGMA NO MATTER WHO PRACTICES IT!]**

Darwin’s honeymoon with his scientific peers was relatively brief. It lasted only as long as they needed to understand that all he had really provided was the outline of a forest of an idea, one that only in broad terms seemed to account for life’s stunningly wide array. His forest lacked enough verifiable trees. Even so, once the overarching concept was crystallized as “natural selection”, the term “survival of the fittest” was coined to explain it to laymen. When the majority of the public became convinced that evolution was a legitimate alternative to Creationism, the scientific gloves came off. In-fighting became widespread regarding the trees that made up Darwin’s forest.

Over time, scientists parsed Darwin’s original forest into more different trees than he could ever have imagined. That parsing has been wide and deep, and it has taken down countless trees at the hands of scientists themselves. But despite such thinning, the forest remains upright and intact. Somehow, some way, there is a completely natural force at work governing all aspects of the flow and change of life on Earth. That is the scientific mantra, which is changed religiously to counter every creationist—and now Intelligent Design—challenge to one or more of the rotten trees that frequently become obvious.

Even Darwin realized the data of his era did not provide clear-cut evidence that his theory was correct. Especially troubling was the absence of “transitional species” in the fossil record. Those were needed to prove that, over vast amounts of time, species did in fact gradually transform into other, “higher” species.

So right out of the chute, the theory of evolution was on the defensive regarding one of its cornerstones, and more than 140 years later there are still no clear-cut transitional species apparent in the fossil record.

Because this is the most vulnerable part of Darwin’s theory, Creationists attack it relentlessly, which has forced scientists periodically to put forth a series of candidates to try to take the heat off. Unfortunately for them, in every case those “missing links” have been shown to be outright fakes and frauds. An excellent account is found in *Icons of Evolution* by Jonathan Wells (Regnery, 2000). But scientists are not deterred by such exposure of their shenanigans. They feel justified because, they insist, not enough time has passed for them to find what they need in a grossly incomplete fossil record.

The truth is that some lengthy fossil timelines are missing, but many more are well accounted for. Those have been thoroughly examined in the past 140-year-long trek up a blind alley and would indicate a wrong approach has been taken. But not to scientists. They blithely continue forward, convinced of the absolute rightness of their mission and confident their fabled missing link will be found beneath the next overturned rock. Sooner or later, they believe, one of their members will uncover it, so they all work in harmonious concert towards that common goal. Individually, though, it’s every man and woman for themselves.

#### TWEEDLEDUM AND TWEEDLEDEE

*Plants and animals evolve, eh? Alright, how do they evolve?*

By gradual but constant changes, influenced by adaptive pressures in their environment that cause physical modifications to persist if they are advantageous.

*Can you specify the kind of gradual change you’re referring to?*

In any population of plants or animals, over time, random genetic mutations will occur. Most will be detrimental, some will have a neutral effect and some will confer a selective advantage, however small or seemingly inconsequential it might appear.

*Really? But wouldn’t the overall population have a gene pool deep enough to absorb and dilute even a large change? Wouldn’t a small change rapidly disappear?*

Well, yes, it probably would. But not in an isolated segment of the overall population. An isolated group would have a much shallower gene pool, so positive mutations would stand a much better chance of establishing a permanent place in it.

*Really? What if that positive mutation gets established in the isolated group, then somehow the isolated group gets back together with the main population? Poof! The mutation will be absorbed and disappear.*

Well, maybe. So let’s make sure the isolated population can’t get back with the main group until crossbreeding is no longer possible.

*How would you do that?*

Put a mountain range between them, something impossible to cross.

*If it’s impossible to cross, how did the isolated group get there in the first place?*

If you’re asking me just how isolated is isolated, let me ask you one. What kind of mutations were you talking about being absorbed?

*Small, absolutely random changes in base pairs at the gene level.*

Really? Why not at the chromosome level? Wouldn’t change at the base-pair level be entirely too small to create any significant change? Wouldn’t a mutation almost have to be at the chromosome level to be noticeable?

*Who says? Change at that level would probably be too much, something the organism couldn’t tolerate.*

Maybe we’re putting too much emphasis on mutations.

*Right! What about environmental pressures? What if a species suddenly found itself having to survive in a significantly changed environment?*

One where its members must adapt to the new circumstances or die out?

*Exactly! How would they adapt? Could they just will themselves to grow thicker fur or stronger muscles or larger size?*

That sounds like mutations have to play a part.

*Mutations, eh? All right, how do they play a part?*

This game of intellectual thrust-and-parry goes on constantly at levels of minutiae that boggle an average mind. Traditional Darwinists are one-upped by neo-Darwinists at every turn. Quantum evolutionists refashion the work of those who support the theory of peripheral isolates. Mathematicians model mutation rates and selective forces, which biologists do not trust. Geneticists have little use for paleontologists, who return the favor in spades (pun intended). Cytogenetics labors to find a niche alongside genetics proper. Population geneticists utilize mathematical models that challenge paleontologists and systematists. Sociobiologists and evolutionary psychologists struggle to make room for their ideas. All perform a cerebral dance of elegant form and exquisite symmetry.

Their dance is, ironically, evolution writ large throughout science as a process. New bits of data are put forth to a peer group. The new data are discussed, written about, criticized, written about again, criticized some more. This is gradualism at work, shaping, reshaping and reshaping again if necessary until the new data can comfortably fit into the current paradigm in any field, whatever it is. This is necessary to make it conform as closely as possible to every concerned scientist’s current way of thinking. To do it any other way is to invite prompt rejection under a fusillade of withering criticism.

This system of excruciating “peer review” is how independent thinkers among scientists have always been kept in line. Darwin was an outsider until he barged into the club by sheer, overpowering brilliance. Patent clerk Einstein did the same. On the other hand, Alfred Wegener was the German meteorologist who figured out plate tectonics in 1915. Because he dared to bruise the egos of “authorities” outside his

own field, he saw his brilliant discovery buried under spiteful criticism that held it down for 50 years. Every scientist in the game knows how it is played... and very few dare to challenge its rules.

The restrictions on scientists are severe, but for a very good reason. They work at the leading edges of knowledge, from where the view can be anything from confusing to downright terrifying. Among those who study the processes of life on Earth, they must cope with the knowledge that a surprising number of species have no business being here. In some cases, they can't even be here. Yet they are, for better or worse, and those worst-case examples must be hidden or at least obscured from the general public. But no matter how often facts are twisted, data are concealed or reality is denied, the truth is out there.

### THE EMERGENCE OF DOMESTICATED PLANTS

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There are two basic forms of plants and animals: wild and domesticated. The wild ones far outnumber the domesticated ones, which may explain why vastly more research is done on the wild forms. But it could just as easily be that scientists shy away from the domesticated ones because the things they find when examining them are so far outside the accepted evolutionary paradigm.

Nearly all domesticated plants are believed to have appeared between 10,000 and 5,000 years ago, with different groups coming to different part of the world at different times. Initially, in the so-called Fertile Crescent of modern Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, came wheat, barley and legumes, among other varieties. Later on, in the Far East, came wheat millet, rice and yams. Later still, in the New World, came maize (corn), peppers, beans, squash, tomatoes and potatoes.

Many have "wild" predecessors that were apparently a starting point for the domesticated variety, but others—like many common vegetables—have no obvious precursors. But for those that do, such as wild grasses, grains and cereals, how they turned into wheat, barley, millet, rice, etc., is a profound mystery.

No botanists can conclusively explain how wild plants gave rise to domesticated ones. The emphasis here is on "conclusively". Botanists have no trouble hypothesizing elaborate scenarios in which Neolithic (New Stone Age) farmers somehow figured out how to hybridize wild grasses, grains and cereals, not unlike Gregor Mendel when he cross-bred pea plants to figure out the mechanics of genetic inheritance. It all sounds so simple and so logical, almost no one outside scientific circles ever examines it closely.

**[H: Now readers, please give me an in-depth discussion on the topic of what is the difference in hybridizing and genetic alterations to IMPROVE production and quality, cut down on insecticide needs and grow BETTER quality fruits and vegetables to service man's needs? I don't want the excuse: "Well, somebody said..." I WANT FACTS! You are given BS as a constant diet and you undo your very chances of**

**survival as you forfeit every last original species on your globe. You can't make it through the lean times unless you begin to USE YOUR HEADS AND SOME OF THE GIFTS GOD GIVES IN TECHNOLOGY TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION AND QUALITY.]**

Gregor Mendel never bred his pea plants to be anything other than pea plants. He created short ones, tall ones and different colored ones, but they were always pea plants that produced peas. (Pea plants are a domesticated species, too, but that is irrelevant to the point to be made here.) On the other hand, those New Stone Age farmers who were fresh out of their caves and only just beginning to turn soil for the first time (as the "official" scenario goes), somehow managed to transform the wild grasses, grains and cereals growing around them into their domesticated "cousins". Is that possible? Only through a course in miracles!

Actually, it requires countless miracles within two large categories of miracles. The first was that the wild grasses and grains and cereals were useless to humans. The seeds and grains were maddeningly small, like pepper flakes or salt crystals, which put them beyond the grasping and handling capacity of human fingers. They were also hard, like tiny nutshells, making it impossible to convert them to anything edible. Lastly, their chemistry was suited to nourishing animals, not humans.

So wild varieties were entirely too small, entirely too tough and nutritionally inappropriate for humans. They needed to be greatly expanded in size, greatly softened in texture and overhauled at the molecular level—which would be an imposing challenge for modern botanists, much less Neolithic farmers.

Despite the seeming impossibility of meeting those daunting objectives, modern botanists are confident the first sodbusters had all they needed to do it: time and patience. Over hundreds of generations of selective crossbreeding, they consciously directed the genetic transformation of the few dozen that would turn out to be most useful to humans. And how did they do it? By the astounding feat of doubling, tripling and quadrupling the number of chromosomes in the wild varieties! In a few cases, they did better than that. Domestic wheat and oats were elevated from an ancestor with seven chromosomes to their current 42—an expansion by a factor of six. Sugar cane was expanded from a 10-chromosome ancestor to the 80-chromosome monster it is today—a factor of eight. The chromosomes of others, like bananas and apples, were only multiplied by factors of two or three, while peanuts, potatoes, tobacco and cotton, among others, were expanded by factors of four. This is not as astounding as it sounds, because many wild flowering plants and trees have multiple chromosome sets.

But that brings up what Charles Darwin himself called the "abominable mystery" of flowering plants. The first ones appear in the fossil record between 150 and 130 million years ago, primed to multiply into over 200,000 known species. But no one can explain their presence because there is no connective link to any form of plants that preceded them. It is as if... dare I say it?... they were brought to Earth by something akin to You Know What. If so, then it

could well be that they were delivered with a built-in capacity to develop multiple chromosome sets, and somehow our Neolithic forebears cracked the codes for the ones most advantageous to humans.

However the codes were cracked, the great expansion of genetic material in each cell of the domestic varieties caused them to grow much larger than their wild ancestors. As they grew, their seeds and grains became large enough to be easily seen and picked up and manipulated by human fingers. Simultaneously, the seeds and grains softened to a degree where they could be milled, cooked and consumed. And at the same time, their cellular chemistry was altered enough to begin providing nourishment to humans who ate them. The only word that remotely equates with that achievement is: miracle.

Of course, "miracle" implies that there was actually a chance that such complex manipulations of Nature could be carried out by primitive yeomen in eight geographical areas over 5,000 years. This strains credulity because, in each case, in each area, someone actually had to look at a wild progenitor and imagine what it could become, or should become, or would become. Then they somehow had to ensure that their vision would be carried forward through countless generations that had to remain committed to planting, harvesting, culling and crossbreeding wild plants that put no food on their tables during their lifetimes, but which might feed their descendants in some remotely distant future.

It is difficult to try to concoct a more unlikely, more absurd, scenario, yet to modern-day botanists it is a gospel they believe with a fervor that puts many "six day" Creationists to shame. Why? Because to confront its towering absurdity would force them to turn to You Know What for a more logical and plausible explanation.

To domesticate a wild plant without using artificial (i.e., genetic) manipulation, it must be modified by directed crossbreeding, which is only possible through the efforts of humans. So the equation is simple. Firstly, wild ancestors for many (but not all) domestic plants do seem apparent. Secondly, most domesticated versions did appear from 10,000 to 5,000 years ago. Thirdly, the humans alive at that time were primitive barbarians. Fourthly, in the past 5,000 years, no plants have been domesticated that are nearly as valuable as the dozens that were "created" by the earliest farmers all around the world. Put an equal sign after those four factors and it definitely does not add up to any kind of Darwinian model.

Botanists know they have a serious problem here, but all they can suggest is that it simply had to have occurred by natural means because no other intervention—by God or You Know What—can be considered under any circumstances. That unwavering stance is maintained by all scientists, not just botanists, to exclude overwhelming evidence such as the fact that in 1837 the Botanical Garden in St. Petersburg, Russia, began concerned attempts to cultivate wild rye into a new form of domestication. They are still trying, because their rye has lost none of its wild traits, especially the fragility of its stalk and its small grain. Therein lies the most embarrassing conundrum botanists face.

To domesticate a wild grass like rye or any wild grain or cereal (which was done time and again by our Neolithic forebears), two imposing hurdles must be cleared. These are the problems of “rachises” and “glumes”, which I discuss in my book, *Everything You Know is Wrong—Book One: Human Origins* (pp. 283-285, Adamu Press, 1998). Glumes are botany’s name for husks, the thin covers of seeds and grains that must be removed before humans can digest them. Rachises are the tiny stems that attach seeds and grains to their stalks.

While growing, glumes and rachises are strong and durable, so rain won’t knock the seeds and grains off their stalks. At maturity, they become so brittle that a breeze will shatter them and release their cargo to propagate. Such a high degree of brittleness makes it impossible to harvest wild plants because every grain or seed would be knocked loose during the harvesting process.

So, in addition to enlarging, softening and nutritionally altering the seeds and grains of dozens of wild plants, the earliest farmers also had to figure out how to finely adjust the brittleness of every plant’s glumes and rachises.

That adjustment was of extremely daunting complexity, perhaps more complex than the transformational process itself. The rachises had to be toughened enough to hold seeds and grains to their stalks during harvesting, yet remain brittle enough to be collected easily by human effort during what has come to be known as “threshing”. Likewise, the glumes had to be made tough enough to withstand harvesting after full ripeness was achieved, yet still be brittle enough to shatter during the threshing process. And—here’s the kicker—each wild plant’s glumes and rachises required completely different degrees of adjustment, and the final amount of each adjustment had to be perfectly precise! In short, there is not a snowball’s chance that this happened as botanists claim it did.

#### THE EMERGENCE OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS

As with plants, animal domestication followed a pattern of development that extended 10,000 to 5,000 years ago. It also started in the Fertile Crescent, with the “big four” of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs, among other animals. Later, in the Far East, came ducks, chickens and water buffalo, among others. Later still, in the New World, came llamas and vicuna. This process was not simplified by expanding the number of chromosomes. All animals—wild and domesticated—are diploid, which means they have two sets of chromosomes, one from each parent. The number of chromosomes varies as widely as in plants (humans have 46), but there are always only two sets (human have 23 in each).

The only “tools” available to Neolithic herdsmen were those available to farming kinsmen: time and patience. By the same crossbreeding techniques apparently utilized by farmers, wild animals were selectively bred for generation after generation until enough gradual modification accumulated to create domesticated versions of wild ancestors. As with plants, this process required anywhere from hundreds to thousands of years in each case, and

was also accomplished dozens of times in widely separated areas around the globe.

Once again, we face the problem of trying to imagine those first herdsmen with enough vision to imagine a “final model”, to start the breeding process during their own lifetimes and to have it carried out over centuries until the final model was achieved. This was much trickier than simply figuring out which animals had a strong pack or herding instinct that would eventually allow humans to take over as “leaders” of the herd or pack. For example, it took unbridled courage to decide to bring a wolf cub into a campsite with the intention of teaching it to kill and eat selectively and to earn its keep by barking at intruders (adult wolves rarely bark). And who could look at the massive, fearsome, ill-tempered aurochs and visualize a much smaller, much more amiable cow? Even if somebody could have visualized it, how could they have hoped to accomplish it? An auroch’s calf (or a wolf cub, for that matter), carefully and lovingly raised by human “parents”, would still grow up to be a full-bodied adult with hardwired adult instincts.

However it was done, it wasn’t by crossbreeding. Entire suites of genes must be modified to change the physical characteristics of animals. (In an interesting counterpoint to wild and domesticated plants, domesticated animals are usually smaller than their wild progenitors.) But with animals, something more... something ineffable... must be changed to alter their basic natures from wild to docile. To accomplish it remains beyond modern abilities, so attributing such capacity to Neolithic humans is an insult to our intelligence.

#### TAKE A LOOK ON THE WILD SIDE AT THE CHEETAH

All examples of plant and animal “domestication” are incredible in their own right, but perhaps the most incredible is the cheetah. There is no question it was one of the first tamed animals, with a history stretching back to early Egypt, India and China. As with all such examples, it could only have been created through selective breeding by Neolithic hunters, gatherers or early farmers. One of those three must get the credit.

The cheetah is the most easily tamed and trained of all the big cats. No reports are on record of a cheetah killing a human. It seems specifically created for high speeds, with an aerodynamically designed head and body. Its skeleton is lighter than other big cats; its legs are long and slim, like the legs of a greyhound. Its heart, lungs, kidneys and nasal passages are enlarged, allowing its breathing rate to jump from 60 per minute at rest to 150 bpm during a chase. Its top speed is 70 miles per hour, while a thoroughbred [horse] tops out at around 38 mph. Nothing on a savanna can outrun it. It can be outlasted, but not outrun.

Cheetahs are unique because they combine physical traits of two distinctly different animal families: dogs and cats. They belong to the family of cats, but they look like long-legged dogs. They sit and hunt like dogs. They can only partially retract their claws, like dogs instead of cats. Their paw pads are thick and hard like a dog’s, but to climb trees they use the first claw on their front paws in the same way a cat does. The light-colored fur on their body is like the

fur of a short-haired dog, but the black spots on their bodies are inexplicably the texture of cat’s fur. They contract diseases that only dogs suffer from, but they also get “cat only” diseases.

There is something even more inexplicable about cheetahs. Genetic tests have been done on them, and the surprising result was that in the 50 specimens tested they were all, every one, genetically identical with each other! This means the skin or internal organs of any of the thousands of cheetahs in the world could be switched with the organs of any other cheetah and not be rejected. The only other place such physical homogeneity is seen is in rats and other animals that have been genetically altered in laboratories.

(*Cue the music from The Twilight Zone...*)

Cheetahs stand apart, of course, but all domesticated animals have traits that are not explainable in terms that stand up to rigorous scientific scrutiny. Rather than deal with the embarrassment of confronting such issues, scientists studiously ignore them and, as with the mysteries of domesticated plants, explain them away as best they can. For the cheetah, they insist it simply cannot be some kind of weird genetic hybrid between cats and dogs, even though the evidence points squarely in that direction. And why? Because that, too, would move cheetahs into the forbidden zone occupied by You Know What.

The problem of the cheetahs’ genetic uniformity is explained by something now known as the “bottleneck effect”. What it presumes is that the wild cheetah population—which must have been as genetically diverse as its long history indicates—at some recent point in time went into a very steep population decline that left only a few breeding pairs alive. From that decimation until now, they have all shared the same restricted gene pool.

Unfortunately, there is no record of any extinction events that would selectively remove cheetahs and leave every other big cat to develop its expected genetic variation. So, as unlikely as it seems, the “bottleneck” theory is accepted as another scientific gospel.

Here it is appropriate to remind scientists of Carl Sagan’s famous riposte when dealing with their reviled pseudoscience: “Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.” It seems apparent that Sagan learned that process in-house.

It also leads us, finally, to a discussion of humans, who are so genetically recent that we, too, have been forced into one of those “bottleneck effects” that attempt to explain away the cheetah.

#### THE ARRIVAL OF HUMANS—TA DA!

Like all plants and animals whether wild or domesticated, humans are supposed to be the products of slight, gradual improvements to countless generations spawned by vastly more primitive forebears. This was firmly believed by most scientists in the 1980s, when a group of geneticists decided to try to establish a more accurate date for when humans and chimpanzees split from their presumed common ancestor.

**[H: BS, Hogwash, corn swill and BALDERDASH!]**

## SKULL EXTENDS HUMAN HISTORY BY THREE MILLION YEARS

By John Innes, 7/8/02

A SKULL belonging to the oldest member of the human family to be discovered has been unearthed in an African desert. Christened “Toumai” by scientists, the creature—thought to be male—lived three million years before the known appearance of any other hominids.

Ten million years ago the world was full of apes. Five million years later the first reliable records of hominids, creatures more human than ape, appear. Sometime in between, the human lineage split from that of the chimpanzees—but how and when is a mystery. Experts yesterday agreed that the find was very significant. However, nobody yet knows whether Toumai is a direct ancestor of modern humans or one of the many blind alleys in human evolution.

Dr. Henry Gee, palaeontology editor at the journal *Nature*, which reported the research, said: “Toumai is arguably the most important fossil discovery in living memory.”

He said its significance rivalled that of *Australopithecus africanus*, the first hominid, discovered 77 years ago, which confirmed the African origin of humans.

Toumai was found by an international team in the vast Djurab Desert in Chad, central Africa, associated with other fossils dating back seven million years to the late Miocene period. At the time, the region was a mixed landscape of lake, desert, forest and grassland.

Toumai, who has been given the scientific name *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*, had a brain case about the same size and shape of a chimpanzee.

But other features mark him out as human rather than ape. His face was short, and his teeth—especially the canines—were small and human-like.

The skull also has prominent brow ridges, a distinctly human hallmark not seen outside our own species family, *Homo*.

This could mean that Toumai is a distant direct ancestor of modern humans, but scientists have cautiously avoided the cliché label “missing link”.

It may also be that Toumai represents one of *Nature*’s many failed experiments in designing a human and has no direct link to people living today.

However, Professor Michel Brunet, from the University of Poitiers in France, who led the team, said: “The new hominid displays a unique combination of primitive and derived characteristics, suggesting a close relationship to the last common ancestor between humans and chimpanzees, suggesting him as a likely ancestor of all later hominids.”

Professor Chris Stringer, head of human origins at the Natural History Museum in London, describing the discovery as “very significant”, said Toumai displayed a mix of primitive and evolved characteristics never seen before.

But the question of whether or not he was our oldest ancestor remained unanswered. [END QUOTING]

That this “something” remains wholly unknown is a given, although Creationists wildly wave their hands like know-it-alls at the back of a classroom, desperate to

suggest it was the Great Flood. But because they refuse to move away from the biblical timeline of the event (in the range of 6,000 years ago), nobody can take them seriously. Still, it seems that two sides might work together productively on this crucial issue. If only...

Apart from disputes about the date and circumstances of our origin as a species, there are plenty of other problems with humans. Like domesticated plants and animals, humans stand well outside the classic Darwinian paradigm. Darwin himself made the observation that humans were surprisingly like domesticated animals. In fact, we are so unusual relative to other primates that it can be solidly argued that we do not belong on Earth at all... that we are not even *from* Earth, because we do not seem to have developed here. **[H: BUT did the You Know What tell you You Know Where?]**

We are taught that, by every scientific measure, humans are primates very closely related to all other primates, especially chimpanzees and gorillas. This is so ingrained in our psyches that it seems futile even to examine it, much less to challenge it. But we will.

**BONES.** Human bones are much lighter than comparable primate bones. For that matter, our bones are much lighter than the bones of every “pre-human” ancestor through to Neanderthal. The ancestor bones look like primate bones; modern human bones do not.

**MUSCLE.** Human muscles are significantly weaker than comparable muscles in primates. Pound for pound, we are five to ten times weaker than any other primate. Any pet monkey is evidence of that. Somehow, getting “better” made us much, much weaker.

**SKIN.** Human skin is not well adapted to the amount of sunlight striking Earth. It can be modified to survive extended exposure by greatly increasing melanin (its dark pigment) at its surface, which only the Black race has achieved. All others must cover themselves with clothing or frequent shade or both, or sicken from radiation poisoning. **[H: Don’t leave that one yet, please. Blacks can BURN just like every other “color” of skin and severe damage can be done through overexposure to those Sun rays. Blacks need protection just like every other “animal” around which is not covered totally by fur or a heavy layer of scales. Even scales, however, do not fully protect. You are just filled to overflow with hypothetical nonsense.]**

**BODY HAIR.** Primates need not worry about direct exposure to sunlight because they are covered from head to toe in a distinctive pattern of long body hair. Because they are quadrupeds (move on all fours), the thickest hair is on their back, the thinnest on the chest and abdomen. Humans have lost the all-over pelt, and we have completely switched our area of thickness to the chest and abdomen while wearing the thin part on our back.

**FAT.** Humans have ten times as many fat cells attached to the underside of their skin as primates. If a primate is wounded by a gash or tear in the skin, when the bleeding stops the wound’s edges lie flat near each other and can quickly close the wound by a process called “contracture”. In humans, the fat layer is so thick that it pushes up through wounds and makes contraction difficult if not impossible. Also, contrary to the propaganda to try to explain this oddity, the fat under human skin does not compensate for the

Paleontologists used fossilized bones to establish a timeline that indicated the split came between five and eight million years ago. That wide bracket could be narrowed, geneticists believed, by charting mutations in human mitochondrial DNA—small bits of DNA floating outside the nuclei of our cells. So they went to work collecting samples from all over the world.

**[H: You Know What offered you some perfected dria-mitochondrial stuff that the FDA labeled as useless New Drugs (medicine) as offered through New Gaia along with some other wondrous products of perfected “water”-based DNA perfection and wow, you just aren’t ready to have anything truly useful, my friends. But as we go on along the way perhaps we can restructure some of the things through regulated facilities and through other scientists. Obviously the “professionals” we had who “did us in” such as Dr. Young, Latona, etc., were uninformed at best and totally ignorant in FACT. They wanted the money—they obviously cared nothing for the products or for the incredible HONOR of having You Know What bring such incredible gifts unto you.]**

When the results were in, none of the geneticists could believe it. They had to run their samples through again and again to be certain. Even then, there was hesitancy about announcing it. Everyone knew there would be a firestorm of controversy, starting with the paleontologists—who would be given the intellectual equivalent of a black eye and a bloody nose and their heads dunked into a toilet for good measure! This would publicly embarrass them in a way that had not happened since the Piltdown hoax was exposed.

Despite the usual scientific practice of keeping a lid on data that radically differs from a current paradigm, the importance of this new evidence finally outweighed concern for the image and feelings of paleontologists. The geneticists gathered their courage and stepped into the line of fire, announcing that humans were not anywhere near the official age range of eight to five million years old. Humans were only about 200,000 years old. As expected, the howls of protest were deafening.

Time and much more testing of mitochondrial DNA and male Y-chromosomes now make it beyond doubt that the geneticists were correct. **[H: It’s those confounded old chondrianas (drias) stringing along with the human tide.]** And the paleontologists have come to accept it because geneticists were able to squeeze humans through the same kind of “bottleneck effect” they used to try to ameliorate the mystery of cheetahs.

By doing so, they left paleontologists still able to insist that humans evolved from primitive forebears walking upright on the savannas of Africa as long ago as five million years, but that between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago “something” happened to destroy nearly all humans alive at the time, forcing them to reproduce from a small population of survivors.

[Mark, about here would be good place to insert the e-mail sent today by John called “Skull extends human history by three million years”. <http://news.scotsman.com/scitech.cfm?id=746872002>

[QUOTING:]

body hair we have lost. Only in water is its insulating capacity useful; in air, it is minimal at best.

**HEAD HAIR.** All primates have head hair that grows to a certain length and then stops. Human head hair grows to such lengths that it could be dangerous in a primitive situation. Thus, we have been forced to cut our head hair since we became a species, which may account for some of the sharp flakes of stones that are considered primitive hominid “tools”.

**FINGERNAILS AND TOENAILS.** All primates have fingernails and toenails that grow to a certain length and then stop, never needing paring. Human fingernails and toenails have always needed paring. Again, maybe those stone “tools” were not only for butchering animals.

**SKULLS.** The human skull is nothing like the primate skull. There is hardly any fair morphological comparison to be made, apart from the general parts being the same. Their design and assembly are so radically different as to make attempts at comparison useless.

**BRAINS.** The comparison here is even more radical because human brains are so vastly different. (To say “improved” or “superior” is unfair and not germane, because primate brains work perfectly well for what primates have to do to live and reproduce.)

**LOCOMOTION.** The comparison here is easily as wide as the comparison of brains and skulls. Humans are bipedal; primates are quadrupeds. That says more than enough.

**SPEECH.** Human throats are completely redesigned relative to primate throats. The larynx has dropped to a much lower position, so humans can break typical primate sounds into the tiny pieces of sound (by modulation) that have come to be human speech.

**SEX.** Primate females have estrous cycles and are sexually receptive only at special times. Human females have no estrous cycles in the primate sense. They are continually receptive to sex. (Unless, of course, they have the proverbial headache!)

**CHROMOSOMES.** This is the most inexplicable difference of all. Primates have 48 chromosomes. Humans are considered vastly superior to them in a wide array of areas, yet somehow we have only 46 chromosomes! This begs the question of how we could lose two full chromosomes—which represents a lot of DNA—in the first place, and in the process become so much better. Nothing about it makes logical sense.

**GENETIC DISORDERS.** As with all wild animals (plants, too), primates have relatively few genetic disorders spread throughout their gene pools. Albinism is one that is common to many animal groups as well as humans. But albinism does not stop an animal with it from growing up and passing the gene for it into the gene pool. Mostly, though, serious defects are quickly weeded out in the wild. Often, parents or others in a group will do the job swiftly and surely, so wild gene pools stay relatively clear. In contrast, humans have over 4,000 genetic disorders, and several of those will absolutely kill every victim before reproduction is possible. This begs the question of how such defects could possibly get into the human gene pool in the first place, much less how they remain so widespread.

**GENETIC RELATEDNESS.** A favorite Darwinist statistic is that the total genome (all the DNA) of humans differs from chimpanzees by only 1% and from gorillas by 2%. This makes it seem as if evolution is indeed correct and that humans and primates are virtually kissing cousins. However, what they don't stress is that 1% of the human genome's three billion base pairs is 30 million base pairs—and to say You Know What that can adroitly manipulate genes, 30 million base pairs can easily add up to a tremendous amount of difference.

**EVERYTHING ELSE.** The above are the larger categories at issue in the discrepancies between primates and humans. There are dozens more listed as sub-categories below one or more of these.

To delve deeper into these fascinating mysteries, check *The Scars of Evolution* by Elaine Morgan (Oxford University Press, 1990). Her work is remarkable. And for a more in-depth discussion of the mysteries with our genes and those of domesticated plants and animals, see *Everything You Know is Wrong*.

### BREAKING RANKS

When all of the above is taken together—the inexplicable puzzles presented by domesticated plants, domesticated animals and humans—it is clear that Darwin cannot explain it, modern scientists cannot explain it, not Creationists nor Intelligent Design proponents. None of them can explain it, because it is not explainable in only Earthbound terms.

We will not answer these questions with any degree of satisfaction until our scientists open their minds and squelch their egos enough to acknowledge that they do not, in fact, know much about their own backyard. Until that happens, the truth will remain obscured.

My personal opinion, which is based on a great deal of independent research in a wide range of disciplines relating to human origins, is that ultimately Charles Darwin will be best known for his observation that humans are essentially like domesticated animals.

I believe that what Darwin observed with his own eyes and research is the truth, and that modern scientists would see it as clearly as he did if only they had the motivation or the courage to seek it out. But for now, they don't... so, until then, we can only poke and prod at them in the hope of some day getting them to notice our complaints and address them. In order to poke and prod successfully, more people have to be alerted to the fact that another scientific fraud is being perpetrated.

Future editions of *Icons of Evolution* will discuss the current era when scientists ridiculed, ignored or simply refused to deal with a small mountain of direct, compelling evidence that outside intervention has clearly been at work in the genes of domesticated plants, animals and humans. You Know What has left traces of their handiwork all over our bodies, all through our gene pools. All that will be required for the truth to come out is for a few “insiders” to break ranks with their brainwashed peers.

Look to the younger generation. Without mortgages to pay, families to raise and retirements to prepare for, they can find the courage to act on strong convictions. Don't expect it of anyone over forty,

possibly even thirty. But somewhere in the world, the men and women have been born who will take Darwinism down and replace it with the truth.

The fat lady is nowhere in sight, but that doesn't mean she's not suiting up.

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[END QUOTING]

This has been far too long to spend much time commenting, for it says everything quite nicely. You are going to have to outgrow your kindergarten perceptions of everything you are told supposedly being true.

This is just an observation of those You Know What.

By the way to you who have just experienced Lt. Col. Al Martin (Ret.) in a more recent interview suggesting that he is in favor of the New World Order, I find it interesting. What did you think he believed?

The man was involved at the highest level with the Bush “bunch” in the Iran-Contra debacles, thefts and total criminal activities. **READ HIS BOOK.** He is what could be called a “mercenary” in that his pick with the boys of the 'hood was that they didn't pay the agreed-upon sums of money (in dollars yet) that was due-and-owing him. In any discourse with our people he never pretended to be otherwise, so don't go forth and paint the man a new persona, for he has never asked for that glow and show.

It is time to grow up and gather your information but don't put patriotic halos onto every person who comes along the pathway. Al Martin was an “insider” and one ill-treated in the “settlement” conclusion of associations. He knows what happened and that does not turn the man into some patriotic flag-waving saint of some kind. **YOU ARE IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER** and quite possibly you simply don't understand the game.

How are you going to extract self from said New World Order? If you took your stand today, you would starve to death. Those are the hard and cold facts of to what you have arrived. The undoing process is all but impossible to untangle. It is the mismanagement of “A” goodly “world in order” that is bringing more and more DISorder that is the problem at point.

You have a tendency, readers, to turn every whistleblower into a saintly person with an angelic calling to righteousness and it just “isn't so”.

I'll tell you what, however. Al Martin verified MYSELF and acknowledged the FACT of the property we hold. That is sufficient to our needs without ever referring to it again.

Thank you for your interest, You Know What—GCH

**dharmā** 

# NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

BY E.J. EKKER

From time to time come articles in the local press that are just too wild not to attempt to share. Readers of *CONTACT* already know about Prince Tallano and his position as Court Appointed Administrator of the Tallano-Acop Estate for the Royal Family of the Philippines, first officially recognized by the King of England in 1764 and reaffirmed through seemingly endless litigation since a “Decision with Compromise Agreement” was entered into with President Macapagal in 1964.

The current litigation consists of a FINAL ORDER of Regional Trial Court 111 (Pasay City) dated July 11, 2001 which was not appealed but which, through bribery, three Court of Appeals justices have issued a Preliminary Injunction “enjoining respondents Regional Trial Court Pasay and the Register of Deeds Rizal and Bulacan from enforcing the Orders dated July 7, 1997, July 11, 2001 and October 8, 2001 and from conducting further proceedings therein”. This Preliminary Injunction has the effect, based upon the three underlying orders named, of halting ALL transfers of real estate in the entire nation until the same Court of Appeals says that it will accept further “proceedings”.

Please stop for a moment and try to imagine the effect of such an order of a Federal District Court of Appeals purporting to shut down all real estate and real-estate-based transactions—in any nation. The impact on the local real estate agents and brokers is easy to see; how about the banks, escrow and mortgage companies, and the bureaucracies registering deeds and property transfers? We will try to remember to let you know the outcome, especially how the three justices escape with their robes intact.

In the same drama is an article published July 7, 2002 in the same paper as before, *SUNDAY TONIGHT*, authored by Cory Martinez and headlined [QUOTING:]

## KIDNAP GANG AFTER PRINCE WHO OWNS RP

*Syndicate led by sultan  
plans to cut off victim's thumb,  
transplant it to impostor*

**SIX heavily-armed men reportedly tried to abduct a prince claiming to be the owner of the entire archipelago in front of a fastfood chain last month in Quezon City.**

This was revealed to *People's Tonight* by Pablo Aquino, Jr., attorney-in-fact of “Prince” Julian Morden Tallano who added that the attempted abduction was reported to the Baler Police station of the Central Police District.

Tallano claims to be a descendant of a certain King Luisong Tagean, whose sons include Rajah Soliman and Lapu-lapu. He has been declared by the

Pasay City Regional Trial Court to be the lawful owner of the entire Philippine archipelago or to properties consisting of 169,912,500 hectares (373,807,500 acres) or more than 16 billion square meters of territory including plains, mountains, forests and seas.

In a statement, Tallano, now in his 50s, said the incident occurred on the night of June 4 while he was waiting for his driver, Lito Dulay, in front of a McDonald's hamburger joint on Munoz, EDSA, QC.

Tallano said a green F150 Ford (plate no. WNC-155) with six armed men on board arrived and inquired about his whereabouts from Dulay. The “prince” added that he heard the suspects' plan of abducting and killing him while he was hiding inside the car of a certain Rolly Mallo.

Dulay allegedly failed to give information on Tallano, promoting the suspects to drag him into their van and take the Mercedes Benz owned by Tallano. Mallo and the Mercedes Benz are still missing.

[My goodness, I can't go farther without pointing out the discrepancies. If I wait till the end it will be too much. I should point out that this paper has the reputation of favoring the current administration and can be expected to spin its reporting to discredit Tallano, who was not personally interviewed, even though the reporter (or her editor) makes it appear that he was. To our knowledge, Tallano has never claimed, nor has the Pasay City RTC “declared” him to be “owner of the entire Philippine archipelago”.

[Here, as in the U.S.A., a Ford F150 is a pickup, sometimes with a jump seat but surely not adequate for six heavily armed men unless some were in the back. Never mind, however, because the second following paragraph clarifies that it was a “van”.

[Let us summarize the picture. Tallano and his driver, Dulay, have parked their Mercedes in front of a McDonald's. Tallano is hiding close by in Mallo's car where he can overhear the threats made by the six heavily-armed men but he is not found. The six grab Dulay and drag him into their van and make off with the Tallano Mercedes and Mallo, both of which are still missing. How about Dulay?

[This is a typical Philippine Drama, told with child-like innocence with complete confidence that it will be believed. The really sick part of this one, however, is that it appears to be a complete, from the ground up, fabrication on the part of attorneys hired by Tallano, who have developed and for years used a scheme to sell properties from his “master deeds” without his knowledge, and without his being paid anything. This “scare” story is apparently to keep him “underground” and from showing his face in court where he might learn what is going on because among the court documents that have been unearthed is a list of 31 cases, some against Tallano and some wherein Tallano (or someone with a power of attorney) is suing others. Now to return to the article.]

Tallano's group believes a syndicate led by a sultan could have planned to cut off Tallano's right thumb and transplant it to an impostor. If the plan succeeded, the fake prince would be able to authenticate sales documents, deeds of conveyance as well as papers granting special powers of attorney.

In a press statement, Philippine National Police retired Ben. Braulio Monge, Sr. confirmed the real Tallano is exposed to imminent danger.

Aquino said that Tallano has nothing to do with the syndicate who harassed, threatened and coerced legitimate owners of titled properties, specially those who own vacant lots in Metro Manila. Tallano has warned the public to observe precaution from dealings with spurious attorneys-in-fact and representatives claiming to be authorized representatives of the Tallano (Tala) Estate.

Aquino said members of the syndicate could be the former attorneys-in-fact of Tallano whose functions have been cancelled, terminated and declared null and void due to loss of trust and confidence.

The office of Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., had been receiving numerous complaints on syndicate members who have been trying to take over vacant lots on the basis of Transfer of Certificate of Titles.

Tallano's claim of ownership over the entire Philippines is pending before the Court of Appeals. Earlier, the Office of the Solicitor General sought the annulment of judgment with urgent prayer for issuance of temporary restraining order and writ of preliminary injunction. Last year the Pasay City RTC reconstituted the case which eventually became final and executory in July 2001. [End Quoting]

As a bit of a postscript: Two weeks ago when we were setting up a meeting for Tallano and a group of “titled” Muslims from Zamboanga City, including a 10-year-old boy purported to be the proper heir to the throne of the Sultan of Sulu, the “current” attorney of Tallano, Vic Miraflor, called to inquire if a certain “Sultan Torres” from Baguio (which is north of here and not in Muslim country) had been invited. I said, “Come on, Vic, who ever heard of a Sultan named Torres? That's about as bad as the guy who came here claiming his name was Datu Lim.” [The Spanish and Chinese are both abhorred by the Muslims. Datu is, properly, a designation of “Royal” Muslim lineage; Lim is, of course, very Chinese.]

Please notice in the sub-headline above that “led by sultan” appears. That is, of course, a reference to “Torres” which has been dropped by the Drama-makers since, later in the article it says, “Aquino said members of the syndicate could be the former attorneys-in-fact...”.

To round this out at four pages let us look at the local “media censoring” evidence. In *The Philippine STAR* today's business headline is, “**RP economy better than expected—IMF**”. In the so-called “opposition” paper, *The Daily TRIBUNE*, today's business headline is, “**IMF berates gov't over debt reliance**”. In the body of the *STAR* article we find (out of context, of course), “... the fund expressed concern over the worsening deficit problem, saying that the fiscal imbalance needed a more permanent solution beyond cutting public expenditures.” Maybe there are problems in every paradise. 

# The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

## WERE THE ISRAELIS DETAINED ON SEPT. 11 SPIES?

By Chris Isham, John Miller, Glenn Silber and Chris Vlasto, *ABC News*, 06/21/02

... Maria, who asked us not to use her last name, had a view of the World Trade Center from her New Jersey apartment building. She remembers a neighbor calling her shortly after the first plane hit the towers.

She grabbed her binoculars and watched the destruction unfolding in lower Manhattan. But as she watched the disaster, something else caught her eye.

Maria says she saw three young men kneeling on the roof of a white van in the parking lot of her apartment building. "They seemed to be taking a movie," Maria said.

The men were taking video or photos of themselves with the World Trade Center burning in the background, she said. What struck Maria were the expressions on the men's faces. "They were like happy, you know... They didn't look shocked to me. I thought it was very strange," she said.

She found the behavior so suspicious that she wrote down the license plate number of the van and called the police. Before long, the FBI was also on the scene, and a statewide bulletin was issued on the van.

The plate number was traced to a van owned by a company called Urban Moving. Around 4 p.m. on Sept. 11, the van was spotted on a service road off Route 3, near New Jersey's Giants Stadium. A police officer pulled the van over, finding five men, between 22 and 27 years old, in the vehicle. The men were taken out of the van at gunpoint and handcuffed by police.

The arresting officers said they saw a lot that aroused their suspicion about the men. One of the passengers had \$4,700 in cash hidden in his sock. Another was carrying two foreign passports. A box cutter was found in the van. But perhaps the biggest surprise for the officers came when the five men identified themselves as Israeli citizens.

According to the police report, one of the passengers told the officers they had been on the West Side Highway in Manhattan "during the incident"—referring to the World Trade Center attack. The driver of the van, Sivan Kurzberg, told the officers, "We are Israeli. We are not your problem. Your problems are our problems. The Palestinians are the problem." The other passengers were his brother Paul Kurzberg, Yaron Shmuel, Oded Ellner and Omer Marmari.

When the men were transferred to jail, the case was transferred out of the FBI's Criminal Division, and into the bureau's Foreign Counterintelligence Section, which is responsible for espionage cases, *ABCNEWS* has learned.

One reason for the shift, sources told *ABCNEWS*, was that the FBI believed Urban Moving may have been providing cover for an Israeli intelligence operation.

After the five men were arrested, the FBI got a warrant and searched Urban Moving's Weehawken, N.J., offices.

The FBI searched Urban Moving's offices for several hours, removing boxes of documents and a dozen computer hard drives. The FBI also questioned Urban Moving's owner. His attorney insists that his client answered all of the FBI's questions. But when FBI agents tried to interview him again a few days later, he was gone.

Three months later 2020's cameras photographed the inside of Urban Moving, and it looked as if the business had been shut down in a big hurry. Cell phones were lying around; office phones were still connected; and the

property of dozens of clients remained in the warehouse.

The owner had also cleared out of his New Jersey home, put it up for sale and returned with his family to Israel.

Steven Gordon, the attorney for the five Israeli detainees, acknowledged that his clients' actions on Sept. 11 would easily have aroused suspicions. "You got a group of guys that are taking pictures, on top of a roof, of the World Trade Center. They're speaking in a foreign language. They got two passports on 'em. One's got a wad of cash on him, and they got box cutters. Now that's a scary situation."

But Gordon insisted that his clients were just five young men who had come to America for a vacation, ended up working for a moving company, and were taking pictures of the event.

The five Israelis were held at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, ostensibly for overstaying their tourist visas and working in the United States illegally. Two weeks after their arrest, an immigration judge ordered them to be deported. But sources told *ABCNEWS* that FBI and CIA officials in Washington put a hold on the case.

The five men were held in detention for more than two months. Some of them were placed in solitary confinement for 40 days, and some of them were given as many as seven lie-detector tests.

Since their arrest, plenty of speculation has swirled about the case, and what the five men were doing that morning. Eventually, *The Forward*, a respected Jewish newspaper in New York, reported the FBI concluded that two of the men were Israeli intelligence operatives.

Vince Cannistraro, a former chief of operations for counterterrorism with the CIA who is now a consultant for *ABCNEWS*, said federal authorities' interest in the case was heightened when some of the men's names were found in a search of a national intelligence database.

According to Cannistraro, many people in the U.S. intelligence community believed that some of the men arrested were working for Israeli intelligence. Cannistraro said there was speculation as to whether Urban Moving had been "set up or exploited for the purpose of launching an intelligence operation against radical Islamists in the area, particularly in the New Jersey-New York area." ...

For the FBI, deciphering the truth from the five Israelis proved to be difficult. One of them, Paul Kurzberg, refused to take a lie-detector test for 10 weeks—then failed it, according to his lawyer. Another of his lawyers told us Kurzberg had been reluctant to take the test because he had once worked for Israeli intelligence in another country.

Sources say the Israelis were targeting these fund-raising networks because they were thought to be channeling money to Hamas and Islamic Jihad, groups that are responsible for most of the suicide bombings in Israel. "[The] Israeli government has been very concerned about the activity of radical Islamic groups in the United States that could be a support apparatus to Hamas and Islamic Jihad," Cannistraro said.

The men denied that they had been working for Israeli intelligence out of the New Jersey moving company, and Ram Horvitz, their Israeli attorney, dismissed the allegations as "stupid and ridiculous".

Mark Regev, the spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington, goes even further, asserting the issue was never even discussed with U.S. officials.

"These five men were not involved in any intelligence

operation in the United States, and the American intelligence authorities have never raised this issue with us," Regev said. "The story is simply false."

Despite the denials, sources tell *ABCNEWS* there is still debate within the FBI over whether or not the young men were spies. Many U.S. government officials still believe that some of them were on a mission for Israeli intelligence. But the FBI told *ABCNEWS*, "To date, this investigation has not identified anybody who in this country had pre-knowledge of the events of 9/11."...

According to *ABCNEWS* sources, Israeli and U.S. government officials worked out a deal—and after 71 days, the five Israelis were taken out of jail, put on a plane, and deported back home.

**[JR: I suspect that these five Israelis are part of the continuous rotation of Israel's visiting youths used for spying that manages to stay in the U.S. until they are caught and then are only deported. Israeli spying in the U.S. and other countries is common knowledge in the FBI, the CIA and other intelligence agencies worldwide. The FBI often gives permission for many Israeli special operations in the U.S. to infiltrate Muslim or "hate" groups for intelligence. The Israelis however seldom report all of their covert operations to the FBI and conduct many intelligence operations and sometimes actually instigate anti-American activities to trigger an incident to justify keeping Arabs and Muslims under surveillance and on terrorist lists. The FBI condones this type of "spying" because they aren't legally authorized to target and spy on Muslims or Middle Eastern groups in the U.S. The ADL, an Israeli watchdog organization against anti-Semites and "hate" groups, keeps the FBI apprised of selected activities of those the ADL determines to be racist, anti-government, or critical of Israel. These are always one-sided reports from the paranoid Israeli or Jewish perspective. You either embrace them or you become their enemy.]**

## HAMAS HISTORY TIED TO ISRAEL

By Richard Sale (*UPI*),  
*Media Workers Against War—UK*, 06/18/02

In the wake of a suicide bomb attack Tuesday on a crowded Jerusalem city bus that killed 19 people and wounded at least 70 more, the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, took credit for the blast. Israeli officials called it the deadliest attack in Jerusalem in six years.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon immediately vowed to fight "Palestinian terror" and summoned his cabinet to decide on a military response to the organization that Sharon had once described as "the deadliest terrorist group that we have ever had to face".

Active in Gaza and the West Bank, Hamas wants to liberate all of Palestine and establish a radical Islamic state in place of Israel. It has gained notoriety with its assassinations, car bombs and other acts of terrorism. But Sharon left something out.

Israel and Hamas may currently be locked in deadly combat, but, according to several current and former U.S. intelligence officials, beginning in the late 1970s, Tel Aviv gave direct and indirect financial aid to Hamas over a period of years.

Israel "aided Hamas directly – the Israelis wanted to use it as a counterbalance to the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization)," said Tony Cordesman, Middle East analyst for the Center for Strategic Studies. Israel's support for Hamas "was a direct attempt to divide and dilute support for a strong, secular PLO by using a competing religious alternative," said a former senior CIA official.

According to documents *United Press International* obtained from the Israel-based Institute for Counter Terrorism, Hamas evolved from cells of the Muslim Brotherhood, founded in Egypt in 1928.

Islamic movements in Israel and Palestine were “weak and dormant” until after the 1967 Six Day War in which Israel scored a stunning victory over its Arab enemies. After 1967, a great part of the success of the Hamas/Muslim Brotherhood was due to their activities among the refugees of the Gaza Strip.

The cornerstone of the Islamic movements success was an impressive social, religious, educational and cultural infrastructure, called Da’wah, that worked to ease the hardship of large numbers of Palestinian refugees, confined to camps, and many who were living on the edge.

“Social influence grew into political influence,” first in the Gaza Strip, then on the West Bank, said an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

According to ICT papers, Hamas was legally registered in Israel in 1978 by Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the movement’s spiritual leader, as an Islamic Association by the name Al-Mujamma al Islami, which widened its base of supporters and sympathizers by religious propaganda and social work.

According to U.S. administration officials, funds for the movement came from the oil-producing states and directly and indirectly from Israel.

The PLO was secular and leftist and promoted Palestinian nationalism.

Hamas wanted to set up a transnational state under the rule of Islam, much like Khomeini’s Iran.

What took Israeli leaders by surprise was the way the Islamic movements began to surge after the Iranian revolution, after armed resistance to Israel sprang up in southern Lebanon vis-à-vis the Hezbollah, backed by Iran, these sources said. “Nothing provides the energy for imitation as much as success,” commented one administration expert.

A further factor of Hamas’ growth was the fact the PLO moved its base of operations to Beirut in the ‘80s, leaving the Islamic organization to grow in influence in the Occupied Territories “as the court of last resort”, he said.

When the intifada began, Israeli leadership was surprised when Islamic groups began to surge in membership and strength.

Hamas immediately grew in numbers and violence.

The group had always embraced the doctrine of armed struggle, but the doctrine had not been practiced and Islamic groups had not been subjected to suppression the way groups like Fatah had been, according to U.S. government officials.

But with the triumph of the Khomeini revolution in Iran, with the birth of Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorism in Lebanon, Hamas began to gain in strength in Gaza and then in the West Bank, relying on terror to resist the Israeli occupation. Israel was certainly funding the group at that time.

One U.S. intelligence source who asked not to be named said that not only was Hamas being funded as a “counterweight” to the PLO, Israeli aid had another purpose: “To help identify and channel towards Israeli agents Hamas members who were dangerous terrorists.”

In addition, by infiltrating Hamas, Israeli informers could only listen to debates on policy and identify Hamas members who “were dangerous hard-liners”, the official said.

In the end, as Hamas set up a very comprehensive counterintelligence system, many collaborators with Israel were weeded out and shot.

Violent acts of terrorism became the central tenet, and Hamas, unlike the PLO, was unwilling to compromise in any way with Israel, refusing to acquiesce in its very existence. ...

According to former State Department counter-terrorism official Larry Johnson, “the Israelis are their own worst enemies when it comes to fighting terrorism.” “The Israelis are like a guy who sets fire to his hair and then tries to put it out by hitting it with a hammer.” “They do more

to incite and sustain terrorism than curb it,” he said.

Aid to Hamas may have looked clever, “but it was hardly designed to help smooth the waters,” he said.

“An operation like that gives weight to President George Bush’s remark about there being a crisis in education.”

Cordesman said that a similar attempt by Egyptian intelligence to fund Egypt’s fundamentalists had also come to grief because of “misreading of the complexities”. ...

**[JR: Kazarian Israelis have always funded various radical groups, partly to infiltrate and have access to their inner-workings and plans and also to pit one group against another. This has been standard procedure with the Mossad worldwide. In the U.S. the ADL/SPLC infiltrated all radical groups, including militias and even produced many of the militia’s manuals for civil disobedience. Many individuals in militias were gullible enough to follow the guidance and misinformation provided by SPLC instigators and wound up in prison. The ADL files a monthly report to the FBI on what they consider “radical groups” in the U.S., but of course never reveals any of their own radical activities. The Mossad considers all Jews worldwide as double agents to be used for the benefit of Israel.]**

#### OUTRAGE AT MUSHARRAF’S POWER PUSH

By Zahid Hussain, *The Sunday Times*—AU, 06/29/02

ISLAMABAD (AFP)—PRESIDENT Pervez Musharraf faced a barrage of criticism from Pakistan’s political parties yesterday after he announced plans to take on sweeping new powers.

His critics said the radical redrafting of Pakistan’s constitution would create a “shadow military state in the garb of democracy”.

The amendments would allow the President to sack an elected Prime Minister, his cabinet and the parliament to be chosen in elections later this year. The President also would have the authority to name his own Prime Minister.

The 28 amendments to Pakistan’s 1973 constitution were presented to cabinet on Wednesday and will be open to public debate for a month before being finalised by the cabinet and the existing Security Council.

Under his proposal, a National Security Council dominated by the armed forces would be created with overriding powers over the elected parliament. The President planned to continue as army chief of staff. He also planned to shorten the term of the parliament from five to four years and lower the voting age to 18.

Most political observers agreed that the moves would make General Musharraf, who already had declared himself President for another five-year term through a rigged referendum, an all-powerful leader, preventing the return of the country to a true democracy.

The National Security Council proposal also raised serious concerns over the continuing domination by the military after the October elections.

Farhatullah Babar, of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto’s Pakistan People’s Party, said: “It is a measure of the arrogant mindset of the generals who seek to impose a constitutional structure through an executive fiat. It will be a perpetuation of a military rule.”

General Musharraf, who seized power through a bloodless coup nearly three years ago, is bound by a Supreme Court ruling to hold parliamentary elections by October and transfer power to an elected government. He promised to abide by the court order but said democracy could only be restored after the changes in the constitution were made. “The changes are meant to ensure unity of command and a sustainable democracy,” he said.

Almost all political parties and human rights groups have rejected the proposed changes, saying they would change the basic structure of the constitution. “It is part

of an effort to make the parliament subservient to the will of a military ruler,” said Siddiqui Farooq, a leader of the Nawaz Sharif-led Pakistan Muslim League. Mr. Sharif was ousted as prime minister by General Musharraf. ...

Both Mrs. Bhutto and Mr. Sharif, who are living in exile abroad, will be affected by a new law that bars anyone facing corruption charges from contesting elections. Mrs. Bhutto has vowed to return before the polls to challenge the military Government.

General Musharraf’s latest move has united liberal and right-wing Islamic parties in their opposition to his rule. An alliance of five major Islamic parties has vowed to overthrow his Government, accusing him of “working on an American agenda”. ...

**[JR: Isn’t Musharraf setting up a power structure similar to the one that has been created here in the U.S. since 911? The absolute power lies in D.C. and is held by President Bush with new laws of suppression accompanied by a huge rise in military expenditures. Other such similarities can be found in countries such as Israel under Sharon, Afghanistan under Karzai, Philippines under Arroyo and Cuba under Castro to name just a few. The best example of all is Soviet Russia under Bolshevik communists. If there is any challenge to our man in Pakistan you can be sure they will be met with a threat of U.S. intervention by the war hawks in charge of Washington. Add up all the data and what do you have... a world ruled by dictatorships.]**

#### CITIZENS OF TWO WORLDS: DUAL CITIZENS FIGHT DOUBTS OVER LOYALTY

By Moni Basu, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 07/03/02

As many as 40 million Americans—one in seven of the population—could be dual citizens. They include those born in the United States as well as immigrants who have become naturalized. ...

“Think about how hard it is to figure out a common purpose even when we are fully connected as a nation,” Renshon said. “Now we have a situation where a vast number of citizens have shallow connections to the country and its identity.”

Not so, said Jan Jaben-Eilon, the Israel experience coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, a U.S. citizen who took Israeli citizenship six years ago.

“I am not a person who feels ‘My country right or wrong,’” Jaben-Eilon said. “You may not like your child’s behavior all the time, but you’re always going to love that child. America is the country who made me who I am, but that doesn’t mean I don’t have very deep feelings for Israel as well.”

Even though they swear to “absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity” to any other nation, many naturalized citizens own property, vote, run for office and even serve in the military in a foreign land. ...

The State Department doesn’t track the number of dual citizens because as far as it is concerned, a person who takes the oath of citizenship is first and foremost an American. The government also has no concrete way of knowing whether a naturalized U.S. citizen has renounced or retained a previous citizenship.

But what is known is that 90 percent of immigrants to the United States come from one of 92 countries that allow some form of dual citizenship or nationality. And as economic ties between nations continue to strengthen, so is the inclination toward allowing dual citizenship.

“It has to do with the global world we are living in,” said immigration attorney Mark Newman. “To make you renounce your citizenship is like making you swallow such a strong pill that people wouldn’t do it.”

Australia changed its laws in April to allow its citizens to remain so even if they wish to become a citizen of

another country. Mexicans, the largest group of immigrants in the United States, are allowed to keep their Mexican citizen status after a 1998 revision of its laws.

The United States, too, has over the years softened its stance on dual citizenship. The State Department allows Americans to acquire citizenship of another nation except in extreme cases, such as serving in the military of a country at war with the United States. ...

Two other countries that send large groups of immigrants to America—the Philippines and India—are weighing the pros and cons of dual citizenship. The economic advantages of U.S. citizens owning property and investing in their former homelands are too large for nations not to try to hold on to their population.

Dual citizens say they became Americans, first and foremost, out of love and allegiance to the United States. But they acknowledge the advantages to having one foot here and the other in their previous home.

Permanent residents must pay a 50 percent estate tax. They cannot vote or run for office. They are not eligible for certain scholarships. ...

Still others want citizenship just to acquire a U.S. passport, which allows them ease of travel. ...

A “practical citizenship”, however, bothers those who take the oath of allegiance very seriously. ...

But Renshon, the political psychologist, argues that the first few lines of the oath of citizenship demand an act that is virtually impossible of people born and raised in another country. ...

In the post-Sept. 11 climate, greater attention is being paid to concerns raised by dual citizenship. One debate could be over whether the United States needs to maintain greater control of its citizenship process.

Raoul Donato, the honorary consul general of the Philippines in Atlanta, said dual citizenship...

At the same time, he said, dual citizens ought not to be able to vote or run for office in another country. Or, without exception, serve in a foreign army. He would not allow American Jews, for instance, to fight for Israel.

“Taking the oath of citizenship is like taking an oath to support apple pie,” Renshon said. “It’s an oath without consequence. There is no administrative, legislative or legal follow-through to taking it.”

**[JR: Bottom line, dual citizenship serves to promote globalism. With an immigration of 90% to the U.S. from countries allowing dual citizenship why do we bother with the process of citizenship and the pledge of oaths and allegiances from those of another country you have basically semi-loyalties. Many immigrants would go back to their native countries once things grew bad here or when the situations improved in their own countries. The U.S. State Department does not see the need to follow up on naturalized citizens even though we are vulnerable and wide open to terrorist acts not just from the Muslims but from many other nations. The globalists’ plans for their futuristic world colony is the blurring of all nation’s identities and the removal of all national borders so that we will in effect become citizens of the world and not just one country. What a world of sameness and monotony that will be.]**

#### JEWISH LIFE REGAINING VIBRANCY IN GERMANY

By Tom Hundley, *Tribune*, 06/30/02

BERLIN—Noah’s Ark, a pleasant place to dine on potato latkes in Berlin’s fashionable Charlottenburg district, has the distinction of being the city’s first post-Holocaust kosher restaurant.

It remains the only restaurant in the German capital that welcomes patrons through an airport-style metal detector.

Even though Germany can now boast of hosting the fastest-growing Jewish community in the world

and the third-largest community in Europe, the metal detector is a grim reminder that Jewish life in Germany is still a precarious proposition.

Baruch Babaev, 25, an economics student who also works as the kosher supervisor at Noah’s Ark, came to Berlin 11 years ago from Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan and home to an ancient Jewish community. ...

For a long time, many Jews viewed Germany as a place to be shunned, a poisoned land. In Israel, there was a ban on playing the music of German composer Richard Wagner. Many American Jews refused to buy German products such as Volkswagens. ...

But over the last decade, Germany’s Jewish population has more than tripled, from 29,000 in 1990 to about 90,000 today, according to the Central Council of Jews in Germany. An additional 30,000 to 50,000 live in Germany but have not registered with the council. Almost all the newcomers are, like Babaev, from the former Soviet Union.

The influx began after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, when the first democratic government of East Germany opened its doors to Soviet Jews. Later, a provision to grant special immigration status to Soviet Jews was incorporated into the German reunification agreement.

Every year since, Germany has welcomed at least 5,000 Jews and their family members from the former Soviet Union. An additional 100,000 have registered for visas and are waiting to come, according to Waks. In Europe, only Britain and France have larger Jewish communities.

The German government spends tens of million of dollars to support Jewish immigration and to reconstruct Jewish life in a nation that once was home to half a million Jews. Most German politicians speak favorably of the project, seeing it as a kind of atonement for past sins. To speak otherwise remains taboo. ...

Even before the recent influx from the former Soviet Union, the postwar Jewish community in Germany was markedly different from the progressive, well-assimilated community of German Jews that was annihilated by Hitler. Most of the Jews who ended up on German soil after 1945 were displaced persons from the east, mainly Poland. Their outlook was traditional and their Judaism tended to be Orthodox.

This has been the cause of resentment among some of the Soviet emigres who suffered in their homeland because their identity card labeled them Jewish, but who were told upon arriving in Germany that they were not considered genuine Jews because they lacked a Jewish mother. ...

The strictly Orthodox approach is costing the German Jewish community membership, but there is little talk of a more relaxed interpretation of Jewishness.

“We have to be careful as Americans not to judge the German Jewish community by our standards,” said Berger of the American Jewish Committee, whose organization does not feel similarly constrained when it comes to judging the Orthodox rabbinate’s monopoly on conversions in Israel. “What people from the outside can do is try to help with the integration process, not criticize it.”...

Indeed, new synagogues are being built in several cities across the country. In Berlin, a Jewish museum opened earlier this year, and work is under way on what will be Europe’s most significant Holocaust memorial. Last week, the Berlin Jewish Film Festival, an event now in its eighth year, drew enthusiastic crowds of cinema buffs.

An unfortunate aspect of the “normalization” process appears to be a sharp rise in anti-Semitic incidents. ...

Indeed, many of the anti-Semitic incidents have been linked to Muslims angered by Israel’s policies. This appears to be the trend across Europe, but when such incidents occur in Germany, it stirs particularly uncomfortable memories. ...

**[JR: Life is good and many opportunities have been open to the Jews migrating to other countries. The German officials, whether coerced or politically correct, have been**

**quite generous in providing funds to Jews who decide to settle in their once-hated country. The U.S. has also been quite liberal in allocating funding to the Jews and their causes here and abroad and they also enjoy the freedom and the privilege to go anywhere in our country including our most sensitive areas of operations. The Jews benefited greatly and have gotten more out of their holocaust and tragedies than any other race. Why? The Jews, since ancient times, have maintained the ritual of gathering together as a presence to strengthen their connections with one another in order to conduct business and to be the gatherers of information vital to advancing their own plans. It is always necessary that they establish a strong influence in any country they abide in so that they become the true power in that country. They are doing this once again now. They have no allegiance to any race or country other than to their own kind. Why fight for the state of Israel when Jews can demand to live anywhere?]**

#### SOME GERMANS CLAMOR FOR RECOGNITION AS VICTIMS

By Tom Hundley, *Tribune*, 06/25/02

BERLIN—From the unsettled memories of Adolf Hitler’s defeat in World War II, Germans are resurrecting a controversial group of war victims: themselves.

In the chaos following the Third Reich’s collapse in 1945, more than 13 million Germans were expelled from lands where they had lived for centuries. About 7 million lost their homes when Poland’s borders shifted west. An additional 3 million Sudeten Germans were evicted from what was then Czechoslovakia. Others were pushed out of traditional German settlements along the Danube River in Yugoslavia and Hungary.

Tens of thousands of people died in the process, but little was said of them. Germany, after all, was the aggressor in the war and the perpetrator of the Holocaust. The mantle of its own guilt lay heavily on its postwar consciousness.

Outside Germany, there was a sense that whatever Germans may have suffered, they were the architects of their own misery.

In Germany, however, the stories of these Germans are now being looked at in a different light. In his latest novel, Gunter Grass, the Nobel laureate and conscience of postwar Germany, re-creates the deaths of 8,000 German civilians on a ship torpedoed by a Russian submarine as it attempted to flee the port of Danzig, Grass’ birthplace, which is now the Polish city of Gdansk.

*Crab Walk*, published earlier this year to critical acclaim, has opened a door that many others not of Grass’ stature appear eager to shoulder through.

Among them is Joerg Haider of Austria’s far-right Freedom Party, who has lately championed the cause of the Sudeten Germans. So is Klaus Rainer Roehl, a former far-left intellectual gone over to the far right, who recently published a polemic, *Forbidden Grief: The End of the German Taboo*, telling his compatriots that they, too, were victims.

Newspapers and magazines in Germany and Austria are beginning to explore the theme of German victimhood, and a recent German television series that documented the misery of the expellees, as they are known in Germany and Austria, drew a wide and appreciative audience.

Emboldened by a growing sense among younger Germans that their country has paid its debt to history, politicians are beginning to suggest that the time has come for others to apologize to Germany, and perhaps to offer some token restitution for property that was seized.

The issue flared into the open earlier this year when nationalist politicians in Germany and Austria called for the Czech Republic to repeal the so-called Benes decrees that stripped Germans of their property in

Czechoslovakia at the end of the war. Most of those who lost land had roots there dating back centuries, long before Nazi forces took over Czechoslovakia.

Milos Zeman, the Czech prime minister, bluntly rejected the idea, telling the Germans they got what they deserved.

“Many Sudeten Germans committed treason, a crime which was punishable by death according to the laws of the time,” Zeman told an Austrian magazine. “If they were expelled or transferred, it was more moderate than the death penalty.”

That did little to soothe German sensibilities. Last week the parliament of the German state of Saxony passed a resolution that would require the Czech, Slovak, Polish and Slovenian governments to renounce all wartime decrees against the Germans before they could join the European Union. The resolution carries no legal weight, but it sends a sharp message.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and his predecessor, Helmut Kohl, tried to keep a lid on this emotional issue, but Schroeder now is in a tough election campaign against Edmund Stoiber, whose wife is an expellee. Expellee groups were elated this week when Stoiber embraced their cause, saying if he were elected, he would insist on talks with the Czech and Polish governments about renouncing the postwar decrees...

“For some people there is an expectation that they should get some financial compensation from the Polish government or the Czech government, but that’s not the position of our organization. For me, personally, the answer is more abstract. There should be some sort of recognition that what happened to us wasn’t right, it wasn’t legal,” he said.

Erika Steinbach, a member of the German parliament from the Christian Democrats and head of the expellees’ national organization, is pushing for the creation in Berlin of a National Center Against Expulsion. As she envisions it, the center would be a kind of museum, study center and memorial for all groups that suffered expulsions in the 20th Century—among them Jews, Armenians, Ukrainians, Chechens, Ingush, Serbs, Kazakhs, Croats, Albanians and, of course, Germans...

Steinbach’s intentions may be sincere, but it is doubtful that many Jews would be interested in equating the Holocaust with the plight of German expellees. It also is unlikely that recent Serb expellees from Croatia would want to share their pain with Germany, a main backer of Croatia’s independence drive.

“I don’t like this project at all,” said Wolfgang Benz, director of the Center for Research on Anti-Semitism at Berlin’s Technical University.

“I don’t see the point in having a big documentation center, giving the message that this suffering on the part of the Germans has been forgotten and needs to be brought back to active memory.”

The expulsion center project also has raised hackles in Poland and the Czech Republic, where many fear that demands for restitution or compensation will be next. The German government has paid reparations to Israel, and some companies that profited through their cooperation with the Nazi regime have paid individual reparations.

Adam Michnik, the former Polish dissident and current editor of his country’s most influential newspaper, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, tried to defuse the crisis by suggesting that a Center Against Expulsion would be more meaningful as a European initiative instead of a German one, and that it should be in Wroclaw rather than Berlin...

**[JR: Unlike the Jews, the German expellees will be prevented from filing any claims in the courts for their properties lost to them after WW11. This exclusive right is reserved for the Jews who have successfully garnered billions in compensations and reparations for their losses in Europe and beyond. If money is not the issue for these expellees then the request for a museum or study center**

**of their own remembrances it is not unreasonable. If the suppression or eradication of German history is the goal of those who have gained much by their own history and miseries then the expellees will be met with charges of inciting Nazism and anti-Semitism. The younger generation believes that Germany has paid for her sins as would-be world conquerors and want to stop being made to live in perpetual guilt about their country’s past. The false Jews do not believe in forgiveness because it is not a part of their protocols and would compromise their control and the power that goes with it.]**

#### ARAFAT CALLS FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN THE U.S.

By Rahul Mahajan, *CounterPunch.org*, 06/27/02

Palestinian Authority President Yasir Arafat stunned the world yesterday by demanding that the United States hold democratic elections for a new Chief Executive before it attempts to continue in its role as broker between Israel and Palestine.

“Mr. Bush is tainted by his association with Jim-Crow-style selective disenfranchisement and executive strong-arm tactics in a southeastern province controlled by his brother,” said Mr. Arafat, who was elected with 87% of the vote in 1996 elections in the West Bank and Gaza, declared to be free and fair by international observers, including former U.S. president Jimmy Carter. “Our count shows that he would have lost the election if his associates hadn’t deprived so many thousands of African-Americans, an oppressed minority, of the right to vote. He is not the man to bring peace to the Middle East.”

Hugo Chavez, elected president of Venezuela with 62% of the popular vote, concurred with Mr. Arafat. Chavez has long been a victim of Bush’s anti-democratic attitude, as the Bush administration funneled hundreds of thousands of dollars through the “National Endowment for Democracy” to anti-Chavez forces and reportedly gave the go-ahead for an attempted military coup by those forces. “After it was over and I was back in power,” said Chavez, “his administration actually told me ‘legitimacy is not conferred by a majority vote.’ Unless, of course, it’s a majority of the Supreme Court. I respect the local traditions, however quaint, of the United States, but he hardly sets the best example for the Middle East, does he? Why don’t we get back to that idea of an international conference to settle the question of Palestine?”

Bush was not without his supporters, however. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, elected head of a country that legally discriminates among its citizens on the basis of religious belief, forbids political candidates from advocating an end to that discrimination, and disenfranchises an entire people through military occupation, dismissed the call as “absurd”.

Hamid Karzai, recently “elected” head of Afghanistan by a grand council, or “loya jirga,” in which a foreign body, controlled by the United States, selected delegates; unelected warlords who had ravaged the country were permitted to control the meeting and to threaten delegates who refused to vote their way; and the U.S. special envoy to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, refused to allow at least two other candidates to stand for election, added his support for Mr. Bush in his hour of need. Said Karzai, “In Afghanistan, we have the loya jirga. In the United States, you have your own process—as we understand, it’s traditional over there for corporations to play a large part in electing officials and writing legislation. We’re very interested in looking into that kind of system ourselves.”

Vojislav Kostunica, chosen head of Yugoslavia in an election where the United States spent an estimated \$25 million to influence the results, was also keen to

rush to Bush’s defense, indicating that he saw no procedural problems with the 2000 elections.

And Mahathir Mohamad of Malaysia, long derided for his claim that “Asian culture” is at odds with universal human rights, added, “The elections are strictly an internal matter, and should have no bearing on the status of the United States as a broker. The Palestinians’ high-handedness is a serious threat to national independence.”

In a surprise move, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, long an ally of the United States, supported Arafat’s call, saying, “While we’re at it, let’s take another look at our agreement on American independence. George Washington was not only unelected, he did rather associate with terrorists. Benedict Arnold would have been a much more suitable partner for peace, *n’est ce pas?*”

Arafat, busy working on a plan to find a new Israeli leader not tainted with the massacre of hundreds of innocents in Sabra and Shatila to negotiate with, could not be reached for further comment.

**[JR: The U.S. has been infiltrated and is now under the control of the Zionist shadow that runs our country. They are now using the U.S. to do their nation-building to usurp other governments and to replace their lawfully elected leaders with their own hand-picked toadies. These deceivers have found that money and the promise of wealth and power is a great incentive to get anyone to sell out their own county and their people. When you have it all and you sit on the top of that mountain of ego and service to self, you don’t give a care about all the millions in misery in the valleys below. The world is now under that giant shadow that rules all. There is hardly any light allowed to come through to show all the gloom and ugliness it has cast in its wake. If you haven’t yet noticed, it is because of the blinders you have implanted in that mind that is so little used.]**

#### G-8 SUMMIT SIDELINES AFRICA

By Ross Crockford, *Alter Net*, 06/27/02

The leaders of four African countries and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan attended the second day of the summit to press G-8 leaders to support the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD). The home-grown Marshall Plan calls for aid and greater market access from the G-8 in exchange for a “peer review” system in which the African countries themselves would decide who is entitled to G-8 money—based on how well a nation protects foreign investors and human rights.

As both summit delegates and activists point out, African nations face problems of epidemic proportions. One-half of the continent’s population of 680 million people live on an income of less than \$1 per day. More than 12 million have died in wars in the past decade. More than 25 million have AIDS, and 2.4 million died of the disease last year. One hundred and forty children out of every 1,000 don’t live to see their fifth birthday.

But Africans hoping for a firm international commitment from the G-8 received a slap in the face—delivered principally by George W. Bush. Bush essentially steered the agenda at the summit away from Africa, focusing instead on drumming up support for his new Mideast peace plan and the war on terrorism. At the start of the summit, Bush congratulated himself for already earmarking \$500 million for AIDS programs and \$200 million for Third-World education. (The two-day G-8 summit itself cost \$200 million, much of it spent on policing the modest anti-globalization protests that took place in downtown Calgary.) Africa was clearly not a priority for the U.S. at the summit.

In the end, African nations got little of what they had hoped for.

Although the G-8 leaders endorsed NEPAD, they refused to spend the \$64 billion the plan requires. They instead announced their own "Action Plan for Africa" totalling about \$6 billion. In comparison, at Bush's insistence, they earmarked \$20 billion for a program to prevent Russian nuclear weapons from falling into terrorist hands. At the final press conference, the African delegates tried to put a positive spin on the G-8 meetings, calling them a "starting point". "We are satisfied with this commitment. Of course, there is nothing that is human that is perfect," said Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo.

The NGOs and civil society groups who came to monitor the summit were more vocal in their disappointment, accusing the G-8 nations of double-standards. Amnesty International pointed out that although the G-8 announced that it would only provide future aid to countries protecting human rights, G-8 nations sell more than \$25 billion in arms to developing countries every year (the U.S. is the largest exporter at \$14 billion annually).

An economic-justice group based in Washington, D.C., called 50 Years is Enough noted that the G-8 insist (through the World Bank) that African countries eliminate all their agricultural subsidies—even though the G-8 themselves have given \$500 billion in subsidies to their own farmers this year alone. Activists say such policies have had a dramatic impact on countries which rely on a few agricultural crops. Twenty years ago, for example, Ghana subsidized its farmers and exported rice; now it imports \$150 million of the grain every year, mainly from the United States. To many of these critics, NEPAD would be no saving grace, even if it were fully funded.

NEPAD—"knee pad", as skeptics pronounce it—was drafted by the leaders of only five African countries, without any public consultation. The G-8 endorsed NEPAD mainly because it speaks the language they want to hear, making Africa more responsible for its own fate, expanding the free-trade "structural adjustment" programs of the World Bank, and creating new opportunities for "investment".

In practice, however, these policies often entail little more than the sale of public utilities. The World Bank, for example, now requires African countries to privatize their water systems in order to qualify for loans, even though water is still a public utility in G-8 countries. "It's a way to entice African governments to be the agents of their own destruction," said Njoki Njoroje Njehu, a spokeswoman for 50 Years is Enough. "For the purposes of multinational corporations, for new frontiers to make profits, NEPAD is a gift."

More importantly, say activists, both NEPAD and the G-8 Action Plan refuse to deal with pressing problems facing Africa—problems that may prevent any kind of development either now or in the future. Although the G-8 leaders announced \$1 billion in new debt relief this week, African nations still send more money to G-8 bankers to service their debts every year than they receive in aid. The debt drains what little funds they have for health care and education.

Worse still, almost no new money was set aside to fight AIDS.

In an impassioned speech at a counter-summit held here, Stephen Lewis, the UN Special Envoy on AIDS in Africa, insisted that NEPAD's noble aim of cutting African poverty in half by 2015 will be impossible "when family income is gutted as wage earners die, as plots of land are left untended, as every penny goes to the care of the sick and the dying."

Pharmaceutical companies have agreed to slash the price of anti-retroviral drugs, but the UN's Global AIDS and Health, Fund which is supposed to distribute them, is nearly bankrupt. Even the \$6 billion in aid vaguely promised at this

week's summit will be distributed over several years.

"Another 10 million people will have died before we reach those levels of assistance," he said.

**[JR: The statistics for Africa—with the unemployment, poverty, disease, aids and death—do not make for an inviting poster to attract foreign investors to Africa. President Bush chose to sidetrack the concerns of the African delegates and activists because there probably isn't enough oil in Africa to make it an interesting enough opportunity for Bush and his oil cartel associates. Every year the G8 talks about opening markets for countries like Africa but nothing goes beyond the speech-making stage. No country in Africa can protect human rights yet alone foreign investors because the Elite makes sure that the civil strife and wars continue so Africans will continue to kill Africans. This fits well into their plans of not having to solve the problems that they have created for centuries. The ruling classes and parasites that live and profit off of Africa's miseries enjoy very comfortable lives so their concern for others is tenable unless it effects their own.]**

#### BURNT OUT WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

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For most who sang, the primary concern has been healing the land. Half a million acres, 60 percent of it on the Fort Apache Reservation, has been burned out. Much of the land, covered in valuable ponderosa pine, is still burning.

"Our elders have always told us, if you take care of the land, the land will take care of you," said Dallas Massey, the tribal leader of the White Mountain Apache. "That's what we live all these years, we take care of the land, the best way we know how."

For the White Mountain Apache and for many American Indians the land is an integral part of their culture and history.

The vice chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Johnny Endfield Jr., returned to his home after the fire had moved on, only to find it destroyed. He used to feel blessed, for all that was given to him, but the impact of the fire has turned that blessing into pain and hurt.

The pain and hurt on the reservation has been made worse with the arrest of one of their own. Local White Mountain Apache, 29-year-old Leonard Gregg, a part-time firefighter, is accused of setting the original fire which spread through the eastern part of the state.

"[It was] kind of a relief that we found who the person was," said Massey. "It really [doesn't] matter if it's a tribal member or a nonmember."

Gregg has pleaded innocent to a charge that he started the fire that merged with another to form what became known as the Rodeo/Chediski fire.

Court documents allege that Gregg told an investigator he set the fire so he could get work on a fire crew. Magistrate Stephen Verkamp denied Gregg bond, saying he had received reports that Gregg could be suicidal and that anyone caring for him might face reprisals from angry community members. Gregg is scheduled to go on trial Sept. 3.

The tribe now has two hard tasks ahead of them, assessing the damage and figuring out the future, especially when it comes to the devastated western part of the reservation.

"The base component out there is a small sawmill that probably employs maybe 70, 80-plus people," said Massey. The Fort Apache Timber Company represents not just jobs in a place which had 60 percent unemployment even before the fires, but a \$50 million investment of the

impoverished tribe's limited capital resources. ...

In a helicopter, flying over flames hundreds of feet high, and thick, choking plumes of smoke, Massey surveyed the damage and noted there were still some areas where trees had survived the fire and other burned-out pockets where there was still some timber of economic value.

"We'll get something out of it," said Massey.

There may be up to two years worth of timber to harvest for the Sitgreaves sawmill. And then, "It would take a minimum, I'd say between 100 and 150 years for us to begin even going in and start doing a harvesting program in this area," says the local manager of the Bureau of Indians Affairs Forest Service, Ben Nuvamsa.

One hundred to 150 years for the ponderosas to come back and that's only if the coming rainy or monsoon season is not too severe.

Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl says help is on the way. "They're already working on a plan that will be ready in about 10 days, believe it or not, to bring in the seed, the kind of crews to prevent the erosion of the soil and the other things necessary to begin to restore the land."

Gov. Jane Hull reinforced that the tribe would receive the help they need. "As we progress with what we're going to do for tourism, with entire White Mountains, obviously the White Mountain Apaches are part of our state and we will be helping them just as we help everyone."

A visit by President Bush also raised hopes for emergency unemployment assistance on the reservation and home rebuilding aid for those who lost residences in outside communities.

"People like that, the highest office here in the United States saying he's going to help. And the local people also wanting to help. I think by bringing these kinds of people together, we're going to survive," said Massey. "We're going to recover."

It's going to take a while. Immediately after the fire started, so did the finger pointing. Some local Anglos blame the Apaches for the fire. The tension gave rise to a certain amount of nastiness between the Anglo community, the White community and the Apache community.

"Feelings right now, I mean, when you've lost your home, you go through the same stages of dying that people have done. People are angry, they're irritated because they haven't seen their own homes, and frankly everybody wants to blame someone else," said Hull.

"I just hope that the people in the White Mountains realize that there were a lot of Apache firefighters fighting these fires. One person is one representative, not the whole nation," Hull said. "Just as the lady, the Anglo lady who basically started a fire to begin the Chediski fire was an Anglo woman, and justice will deal with those people..."

But right now neither the tribe is to blame nor the Anglo population for the other episode. I think we've got to stop blaming and start renewing everyone in the state's faith in what we can do to rebuild our economy."

The reservation leaders have reached out to community leaders in nearby towns and Massey has great hope for the future. "A year from now you will see a healing taking place," he says.

**[JR: The Apaches and the Anglos can restore their losses and rebuild their lives by both sides coming together and working in the spirit of trust. It seems that the Apache leader, Mr. Massey, is more willing to extend his hand out in the spirit of friendship and cooperation than some of the sullen Anglos. People always find comfort when they can share their pain and their grief and find hope in one another. Let us hope that state and federal assistance promised is forthcoming especially for the Apaches and not just more empty promises and grandstanding by politicians. May this be a golden time and opportunity for all who wish to walk the red road together.]**

U.S. PLANSADDITIONAL PHILIPPINE MILITARY TRAINING

By Bradley Graham, *Washington Post*, 07/07/02

WASHINGTON—U.S. troops will train two more Filipino special forces units and instruct an additional eight regular infantry battalions under a new security assistance plan worked out in recent days, Pentagon officials said.

The plan represents the next phase in a heightened U.S. effort to improve the capabilities of the Philippine military. The Pentagon has used the Bush administration's "war on terrorism" as a timely rationale for intensifying military ties with the Philippines, arguing that the presence of rebel and criminal groups throughout Southeast Asia offers an inviting haven for international terrorists.

Enlisting nearly 1,300 U.S. troops, the current effort has grown into the war's largest deployment outside Central Asia. Concentrated on the southern island of Basilan, the U.S. initiative has provided counterterrorism training aimed at wiping out the ragtag militant Muslim group Abu Sayyaf.

But the initial assistance that the United States offered is due to end July 31. A Pentagon official who provided details of the next phase of U.S. involvement said it would include substantially fewer U.S. troops and avoid targeting a specific enemy. Instead of focusing on a particular island, the official added, the new training will be directed at Philippine troops spread among several locations.

About 900 U.S. troops will be withdrawn shortly after the current program ends, the official said, and by October fewer than 100 will remain. Most of those will comprise a liaison group in Zamboanga on the southern island of Mindanao, where the Philippine military maintains a regional headquarters.

In the coming year, U.S. military instructors are slated to return to train two Light Reaction Companies—elite 90-man units that specialize in hostage rescues and other advanced tactical operations. U.S. troops trained one such Philippine unit in early 2001, and the new instruction will be conducted at the same place: Ft. Magsaysay on the northern island of Luzon.

Additionally, plans call for U.S. troops to train eight regular infantry battalions on Mindanao and provide night-flying instruction to helicopter pilots operating out of the Visayas islands in the central Philippines.

But unlike the training on Basilan, which has culminated with U.S. military advisers going out on jungle patrols with Philippine troops, the follow-up program will consist largely of classroom instruction and basic skill courses.

"We're making a significant switch from on-the-job training to classroom instruction," the official said. "There are no plans right now to do any lower-level field training." **[JR: Our military assistance to the Philippines is for our benefit so that we can continue to build and expand our foothold in Southeast Asia via the Philippines. We send 1300 of our U.S. troops to help the Filipino army wipe out a small band of Abu Sayyaf rebels because it is a convenient excuse to send our troops anywhere to fight terrorism wherever we say it is. The next phase of our operations will be to train elite Filipino units to probably assist us in our covert and stealth operations inside the Philippines and beyond into Southeast Asia in order to further our nation-building for us. Our U.S. foreign policy is going to sink in the quicksand of our deceptions.]**

MALAYSIAN PMMOOTS SINGLE SE ASIAN CURRENCY

*India Times*, 07/06/02

BANGKOK (REUTERS)—Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said on Saturday that

Southeast Asian countries should consider introducing a common currency to help boost their economies and deepen intra-regional trade.

Mahathir told a meeting of the Thai-Malaysia Business Council that the 10 members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) should co-operate more economically and try to become less dependent on the U.S. dollar.

"We in ASEAN should seriously study possibility of using a common ASEAN currency," he said in reply to a question about intra-regional trade. "We should be watching the euro currency... maybe it's very good for ASEAN... It is bound to help our business, our economies."

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Mahathir, who plans to retire late next year, gave no timeframe for the proposal.

A single currency for Southeast Asia or for a wider east Asian region has been discussed tentatively since Europe began to move towards a common currency more than a decade ago.

But the economies of Southeast Asia are highly diverse, ranging from very poor nations such as Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia, to very rich countries such as Singapore and Brunei.

Economists say these tremendous differences probably mean any single currency for the region—even if it were considered advantageous—would be at least 50 years away.

Mahathir, on a three-day official visit to Thailand, forecast trade between ASEAN members would increase significantly in the next few years and said members should strengthen their own contacts before trying to forge closer links with economies further afield.

"We should try to make ASEAN work properly and then we should also try to have a very important cooperation within ASEAN and the very highly developed countries of northeast Asia.

"It is better to work stage by stage... It's better to consolidate what we have at the moment."

**[JR: This article just touched on Mahathir saying, "We should be watching the euro currency... maybe it's very good for ASEAN...". By this I figure he meant Asean countries might be better off exchanging their reserve U.S. dollars for euros as it is obvious that the over inflated U.S. dollar is on a slippery slope and the euro is gaining to an almost equal value and possibly will surpass it. Gold is also making substantial gains against the dollar. ASEAN would be wise to develop a regional currency for intra-trade among members provided it is backed by gold reserves and that's where the GAIA Program could thrust it forward to within a few years instead of the projected 50. It's just a matter of time before the GAIA Program is be utilized to benefit all of Southeast Asia as well as other nations around the world.]**

FBI BEGINS VISITING LIBRARIES

By Christopher Newton, *Washington Post*, 06/24/02

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI is visiting libraries nationwide and checking the reading records of people it suspects of having ties to terrorists or plotting an attack, library officials say.

The FBI effort, authorized by the antiterrorism law enacted after the Sept. 11 attacks, is the first broad government check of library records since the 1970s when prosecutors reined in the practice for fear of abuses.

The Justice Department and FBI declined to comment Monday, except to note that such searches are now legal under the USA Patriot Act that

President Bush signed last October.

Libraries across the nation were reluctant to discuss their dealings with the FBI. The same law that makes the searches legal also makes it a criminal offense for librarians to reveal the details or extent.

"Patron information is sacrosanct here. It's nobody's business what you read," said Kari Hanson, director of the Bridgeview Public Library in suburban Chicago.

Hanson said an FBI agent came seeking information about a person, but her library had no record of the person. Federal prosecutors allege Global Relief Foundation, an Islamic charity based in the Chicago suburb, has ties to Osama bin Laden's terror network.

The University of Illinois conducted a survey of 1,020 public libraries in January and February and found that 85 libraries had been asked by federal or local law enforcement officers for information about patrons related to Sept. 11, said Ed Lakner, assistant director of research at the school's Library Research Center.

The libraries that reported FBI contacts were nearly all in large urban areas.

In Florida, Broward County library director Sam Morrison said the FBI had recently contacted his office. He declined to elaborate on the request or how many branch libraries were involved.

"We've heard from them and that's all I can tell you," Morrison said. He said the FBI specifically instructed him not to reveal any information about the request.

The library system has been contacted before. A week after the Sept. 11 attacks, the FBI subpoenaed Morrison to provide information on the possible use of computer terminals by some of the suspected hijackers in the Hollywood, Fla., area.

In October, investigators revisited the county's main library in Fort Lauderdale and also checked a regional library in Coral Springs.

At least 15 of the 19 hijackers had Florida connections.

The process by which the FBI gains access to library records is quick and mostly secret under the Patriot Act.

First, the FBI must obtain a search warrant from a court that meets in secret to hear the agency's case. The FBI must show it has reason to suspect that a person is involved with a terrorist or a terrorist plot—far less difficult than meeting the tougher legal standards of probable cause, required for traditional search warrants or reasonable doubt, required for convictions.

With the warrant, FBI investigators can visit a library and gain immediate access to the records.

Judith Krug, the American Library Association's director for intellectual freedom, said the FBI was treading on the rights it is supposed to be upholding.

"It's unfortunate because these records and this information can be had with so little reason or explanation," Krug said. "It's super secret and anyone who wants to talk about what the FBI did at their library faces prosecution. That has nothing to do with patriotism."

Krug tells worried librarians who call that they should keep only the records they need and should discard records that would reveal which patron checked out a book and for how long.

She is frustrated by the hate mail she says she receives when she speaks out against the Patriot Act.

"People are scared and they think that by giving up their rights, especially their right to privacy, they will be safe," Krug said. "But it wasn't the right to privacy that let terrorists into our nation. It had nothing to do with libraries or library records."

Some libraries said they will still resist government efforts to obtain records.

Pat McCandless, assistant director for public services for Ohio State University's libraries, said, "State law and professional ethics say we do not convey patron information and that is still our stance.

“To the best of our ability, we would try to support patron confidentiality,” she said.  
**[JR: With the passage of this all-encompassing USA Patriot Act, it is most difficult for anyone to comply with privacy laws and the rights granted to us by the Constitution. The FBI obtains search warrants without strict probable cause from secret courts and threatens to bring obstruction charges on everyone that is an impediment to their investigations or reveals details of their fishing expeditions. In other words, provide private information on anyone they request and never divulge their secret intentions or they will prosecute you. Of course they claim they are not profiling but isn't this also resurrecting the same old Gestapo tactics? I guess history certainly does repeat itself... again and again and again, until we learn to get it right.]**

### PLUNGE PROTECTION

By Steve Saville, *www.speculative-investor.com*, 07/02/02

It has become fashionable to point the finger at something called the Plunge Protection Team (PPT) whenever the stock market suddenly reverses higher or fails to collapse in response to bad news. The PPT, which does actually exist although its proper name is the Working Group on Financial Markets, is headed by the Secretary of the Treasury and counts the Fed chairman as one of its members. The theory is that the PPT acts to prevent large declines in the stock market by buying S&P500 futures at critical times.

Manipulation happens in the stock market on a daily basis. Mutual funds, specialists, hedge funds, Wall Street firms and large speculators are often deliberately trying to move prices in one direction or another. This manipulation does not alter the trend, but it can affect the path the market takes to get from point A to point B. Furthermore, we know that the U. S. Government intervenes in the currency and bond markets and we can be pretty sure that it meddles in the gold market, so it is not much of a stretch to conclude that the Fed and the Treasury are also directly involved in stock market manipulation. This is particularly so since it was revealed earlier this year that the Fed contemplated “unconventional measures” to stabilise markets.

Further to the above, it is not difficult to believe that the PPT would intervene in the stock market. However, we have seen absolutely no evidence that such intervention has occurred. In our view, those who are pointing fingers at the PPT are misreading the market?

Trading would be very simple if we could make money by just buying in response to good news and selling in response to bad news. Unfortunately, markets don't work that way. All of the financial markets will regularly do the opposite of what you expect if your expectation is shaped by the ‘news of the day’.

During the devastating stock bear market of 1974 the market would often rally in the wake of bad news. In fact, the news at that time was generally MUCH worse than any of the recent news while the upward reversals following the bad news tended to be more pronounced than the upward reversals we have seen over the past few months. There was no PPT in existence in the 1970s and, as such, no ‘they’ to blame for the rallies that occurred in the face of the deteriorating fundamentals.

As is the case now, the major stock indices were immersed in powerful downtrends during 1974 and each upward reversal was followed by a decline to new lows until the final capitulation occurred. In 1974 the final decline began when the Watergate scandal forced President Nixon to resign. This was the news from which there was no recovery and the market fell in almost a straight line until a major bottom was reached about 2 months later.

The PPT has enormous power and if it chose to make full use of that power it could certainly push the stock indices considerably higher. The Fed, a member of the PPT, has an unlimited ability to create dollars, so if it really wanted to the Fed could print enough currency tomorrow to buy the entire stock market. (There is, of course, a practical limitation to the Fed's currency-creating ability in that the more dollars it prints the weaker the U.S. dollar would become.) From what we've observed the PPT has not, to date, chosen to make direct use of its immense power as far as stock market support is concerned. For example, when the stock exchanges opened for business last year following the September terrorist attacks the market plunged for 5 straight days. The decline didn't end until a) the market had become more oversold than it had been at any time over the past 40 years, b) the small traders had capitulated and the commercial traders had covered a substantial part of their short position, and c) the S&P500 had dropped to within 10 points of major support as defined by the 1998 low. From such a position it would have been amazing if the market had not been able to mount a sizeable rally.

If ever there was a time that the PPT could have justified an intervention the period of September 17-21 last year was it, but it looks as though the market was allowed to fall until a massive oversold recoil became inevitable. There was, of course, indirect intervention in the form of interest rate cuts and money-supply expansion, an effect of which, as we noted at the time, would be higher gold and commodity prices in the months and years to follow.

As far as last week's action is concerned, there seems to be widespread surprise that the market was able to recover in the wake of the Worldcom news. However, was the market's performance following this news really so difficult to comprehend that unnatural forces become the most probable cause of this performance?

Prior to the reporting of the \$3.6B ‘mistake’ in Worldcom's books the WCOM stock price had already fallen by more than 98% from its all-time high. In fact, WCOM's market cap, just prior to last week's news, made no sense if the results that had previously been reported by the company represented its true financial situation. The stock was way too cheap. Clearly, the specifics of Worldcom's creative bookkeeping came as a surprise but the market already knew, prior to the news, that something was horribly wrong at that company. It just didn't know the details.

The market (the S&P500 Index) is trending down and we expect this trend to persist until the majority of stocks have become fundamentally under-valued. However, within this downtrend there will be counter-trend rallies and there will be many occasions on which the market reverses higher following bad news. This is normal and is what the market must do if it is to maintain some semblance of hope (hope is what bear markets feed on). The final bottom could come quickly as a result of mutual fund investors giving-up en masse (perhaps in response to some devastating and truly unexpected news), or it could come slowly following a drawn-out slide (a death by a thousand cuts).

### IN THE BELLY OF A HORSE

By Ed Bugos, *GoldenBar.com*, 07/09/02

**If the Fed didn't exist...** Profits might. There may have been a tech boom, only profit, rather than “too much money” would have driven it. The difference is that in one case economic actors are making the correct choices.

**If there were no Fed,** consumers might save more of their money, and the economy might be less prone to the unintended imbalances between consumption and savings. In fact, the economy may not need to depend on foreign savings at all.

**If there were no Fed,** bureaucracy and debt could not outgrow the contributions that are made by capitalism. Neither could ignorance and corruption.

**If there were no Fed,** our bank deposits couldn't be insured by the government. But maybe they wouldn't need to if the market quickly disciplined reckless banks. There certainly would be no petty cash fund for the bankers and government to dip into as the result of their own screw-ups.

**If there were no Fed,** over hedging might not be possible. But then, it may not even be necessary.

**If there were no Fed,** the value of our money would not necessitate its management, and the layperson wouldn't have to worry about debasement and excessive taxation.

**If there were no Fed,** deflation would be possible even in terms of money substitutes.

**If there were no Fed,** investors would have nobody to subsidize their stupidity, and thus wouldn't be so keen to offer themselves up as a sacrifice for the big wealth transfer. What I mean here is that the stock market isn't for everyone, but the Fed makes it seem so, for a while anyway.

**If there were no Fed,** the invisible hand wouldn't have arthritis and markets wouldn't be “inherently unstable”.

**If there were no Fed,** Bush would really be the President, and Gore would have been too afraid to run.

**If there were no Fed,** other countries would not need a central bank of their own to finance the accumulation of dollar reserves so that they can trade and sustain the U.S.-dependent global economy (or inflation scheme).

**If there were no Fed,** the same nations might finally be persuaded to legislate private property rights as a means to achieve the same ends they only think they are today.

**If there were no Fed,** OPEC wouldn't need to exist to protect its monetary interests, and the world might never run out of oil.

**If there were no Fed,** we wouldn't have to save the stock market to keep the country from going to war, or from being fully employed.

**If there were no Fed,** the individual's word might be as good as gold, in business or in politics. Maybe even in law (joking here).

That's fifteen benefits the Fed interferes with and there are more, but time is limited.

I can think of no convincing justification for the existence of a central bank except for in its role as lender of last resort. But I can think of no compelling reason that would necessitate a lender of last resort, save where monetary policies or lending becomes profligate.

Sure, some believe markets are inherently unstable. We disagree, and propose that those claiming so have helped to justify the Fed. How does a lender of last resort ply its trade? Does it have an inexhaustible source of funds? It does, in our collective ignorance.

Nearly every time the Fed whisks its safety net onto the economy it leads to a new financial boom. Hmm. I wonder what we should make of that?

I'll tell you what I think. Those condemning the market for its instability, completely disregarding the Fed's influence in this drama, provide the main support for the Fed's charter, and they may even benefit from the volatility or wealth transfer. ...

Think about that quote the next time there is a crisis worthy of the Fed's help, in so far as it is only too happy to help. I wonder at what point they will get the idea to initiate the crises? It's only logical after all. Did I say that out loud...

**The Greenspan Horse**

A central bank can in theory act in the capacity of a gold standard (using the term loosely), but then why would we need the central bank at all? Well for one, a central bank that claims to be acting in such a capacity is asserting its superiority to gold-as-money. It claims to be better. It may or may not see gold as its natural enemy. In a perfect world it could even be an ally. But the central bank that does not strive to better gold-as-money must by definition be its enemy, if gold is in fact the better money. Else, how else could it survive?

Some people may need to beat up on other people to feel better about themselves. If gold is the better money, a central bank's survival would depend on its ability to either demonstrate its superiority, or to beat up on gold. If it chooses to employ the latter, it is no longer simply an opponent of gold. It becomes an enemy of money, and thus by extension, to capitalism.

If a central bank refutes the principles of sound money should we be surprised it is in support of too much of it? Should we be surprised at the legitimacy of terms such as elastic money, fractional reserve lending, or that growth requires more money?

Money doesn't breed greed and corruption by itself. Too much money does. It also breeds malinvestment. It should be no surprise who is ultimately responsible for that. It is the same institution we all are most afraid to banish. It is the institution whose currency we are trained to need. ...

Mises spent the next page or two doing so—by summarizing the illegitimacy of this concept—and also devoted several hundred pages to it along with the many other banking theories of the day. The point is that many of today's popular generalist economic doctrines have already been scientifically rejected at least 75 years ago. It's just that most people are too lazy to know it. I hate that conclusion just as much as you may, but it's true.

Ignorance is not bliss. On the contrary, our leaders count on it.

Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan is not ignorant. He was, or is a student of von Mises', and it is more than likely his mastery of the subject is what makes him such a worthy opponent to gold, capitalism, and money. Who better to take charge of the agents of inflation than one who knows why gold is consistently the better money?

A central bank is to capitalism what the Trojan horse was to the mythological city of Troy. It's not a safety net, but rather a tool for plunder. It's certainly not a gift, but then, neither was the big wooden horse. ...

There is no end to the ways the money supply can be persuaded to grow. It is true that we can't really push on a string. But the string analogy doesn't apply in the new economy. The reason is there are many strings and some of them are designed to pull along the value of certain assets, and thus push (influence) the demand for new currency.

The "money" supply is an important gauge to the extent too much of it undermines the prevailing system of production, for it's the efficacy of that system which ultimately determines demand for the currency. The current state of the system of production is such that it has been corrupted by too much currency. And more of it isn't going to make it all better.

Productivity can't save a society or system corrupted by easy money any more than it could've helped the city of Troy defend itself against the quiet army hidden in the belly of the wooden horse. 

**NEVADA CORPORATIONS:**

# Maintaining Privacy Of Corporate Records

**Budget's "Tip of the Week" #2:**

***NRS 78.257—Right of stockholders to inspect and audit financial records; exceptions***

Last week we discussed *NRS 78.105* and how it appears to have been written specifically to provide access to the corporation's records by the corporation's *stockholders*. What about a case where the stockholder's interest in accessing the records has nothing to do with the stockholder's interest in the corporation? And what about other parties who might want to access the corporation's private records? *NRS 78.257* holds the answer to those questions, though the answers are, no doubt, NOT what such parties might wish to hear!

After defining who is entitled to inspect the corporate records and the notice that must be given for doing so in paragraph 1, then specifying that the inspecting party bears the costs of extracting such in paragraph 2, *NRS 78.257*, paragraph 3, states (emphasis added):

3. The rights authorized by subsection 1 may be denied to any stockholder upon his refusal to furnish the corporation an affidavit that such inspection, extracts or audit is not desired for any purpose not related to his interest in the corporation as a stockholder. **Any stockholder or other person, exercising rights under subsection 1, who uses or attempts to use information, documents, records or other data obtained from the corporation, for any purpose not related to the stockholder's interest in the corporation as a stockholder, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. ...**

A gross misdemeanor conviction is punishable by incarceration for up to one year in the county jail and a \$2,000 fine. Note that this statute spells out rights of the *stockholders* to inspect corporate records—the *stockholders*, not "just anyone". **There is no mandate of any kind for non-stockholders to ever inspect any corporate records. It is a gross misdemeanor for any non-stockholder to even attempt to use information from the corporate records in any way contrary to the interests of the stockholders.**

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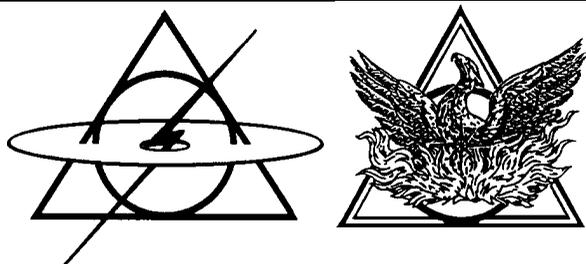
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