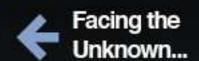


## The Choice Is Yours.







You Have the Right to Give Up, to Shrivel Up, to Panic & React in Fear to the Turmoil; and let it Escalate out of Controltoward the point of Our own Extinction.



#### Facing the Unknown...

You Have the Right to Learn and Discover, to Grow & Consider New Possibilities; Choose New Directions- toward the Solutions We all need to Survive.



You have the choice to yield to fear, and shut off this experience; You can choose to turn this page.



You have the Choice to Empower Yourself & Raise Your Awareness by Turning this Page.







# Who Decides for You?

Fact: You need access to relevant data in order to make informed decisions. Decisions imply choice, which involve critical thinking skills.

Q: Who decides if you fail to think critically?

A: Those who provide you with a limited perspective & profit from your ignorance.

Solution: How can I learn to make decisions for myself?

- a. Identify the opportunity to make your own informed choice.
- b. Expand your perspective.
- Weigh the new choices provided with an elevated view.
- d. Take action, either to move ahead and decide; or choose to investigate further. Repeat as necessary.

Freedom means Responsibility.

It is Your responsibility to make your own choices.

We're giving You the capacity to make truly informed decisions;
by providing you with the facts corporate media suppresses for profit.

FREE WILL IS YOUR CHOICE. WHAT ARE YOU CHOOSING?

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## The Mediator between the Head and Hands must be the Heart.

#### Tragedy and Hope: No Conflicts of Interest here

If you are under the influence of daily news from a for-profit corporate media company; consider this scenario: For-profit news agencies make decisions based on whether or not something is profitable.

They can't help it. Their corporate mandate clearly states that the goal of their company is profitat any expense, no exceptions. This is Cartel Capitalism. Corporate law creates the conflict of interest that is the source of most, if not all, of the toxic data which we consume daily.

In most cases, if there's a danger to the public (i.e. you and your family), and publication of this danger would threaten profitablity or relationships with any major advertiser, the story is not run, the information is buried- and the reporters trying to protect the public are sued. Whistleblowers are suppressed; you are denied relevant news you need to make decisions.

Take for example the story which Fox News refused to run; wherein Monsanto was/is knowingly poisoning people with rGBH (a bovine growth hormone manufactured by Monsanto to unnecessarily increase milk production).

Specifically. Fox reporters wanted to inform the schools their children attended; in addition to informing the general public. Fox News first attempted to bribe, then threaten, then terminate, then sue the husband-and-wife reporting team; all to protect Monsanto's advertising investments with Fox.

What other lifealtering critical information is being withheld from you for purposes of profit?



#### What Corporate For-Profit Media Offers You

We consume news and media to get the information we need to make informed decisions

As you review the list below, ask yourself this: do I need what these companies are providing me

You might be surprised to realize that what you getting is not what you need; and therein, we begin to solve the problems and address the Tragedy by taking a step toward learning- which thereby provides the hope.

#### THEY GIVE YOU:

- Fear
- Only Problems, no real Solutions
- No contextual information to help you understand
- Talking Heads telling you what to mink
- Propaganda and Govt Sponsored
- One-sided perspectives which ALV support corporate for-profit interest

#### THEY RARELY GIVE YOU:

- · Straight Truth and Comprehensive Reporting
- Healthy, Sustainable Alternatives & Solutions
- · Information which disrupts their profiteering from Corporate Advertising
- · Information which holds Gov't accountable
- Real financial information which would help you understand the economy and your place in it

#### What Tragedy and Hope offers You

Our purpose in offering this multitude of perspectives, sources, and resources; is to introduce balance by communicating information to bring sustainable, constructive, and creative forms of change.

We recognize that we're all being deprived of information pertinent to our lives; and that as a result of for-profit news agencies- we've all become tragically ignorant relative to those who profit from our failure to be our own solution.

#### WE GIVE YOU:

- Knowledge which dispels Fear
- Boot-causes and sustainable Solutions.
- Historical and contemporary context to help you understand
- Real people showing you how to Think (for yourself)
- Tools to identify and thereby innoculate yourself against Propaganda
- Multi-sided perspectives which ALWAYS support sustainable & compassionate solutions

#### WE ALWAYS GIVE YOU:

- The most nutritious, non-toxic information
- Resources to become Self-Reliant
- Information which disrupts profiteering at the expense of human & environmental factors.
- Information so you can hold the Govt accountable.
- Tools to help you understand finance, from the illusory creation of currency to the illusory national debt

### We are a human magazine, by and for human beings

Corporations would love for you to believe that they have a heart, and want the best for you... they want you to believe that they are human-just like you.

Well... they aren't. Therein, as Shakespeare would say, is the Rub. For-profit news corporations are motivated strictly by profit; they have no compassion, no quilt, no fear, no love... and with no moral compass, their actions have rapidly become inhumane. A corporation is mandated to withhold information for profit; even if it means that innocent people suffer and die.

They can't help it, profit is their life's blood; and they simply cannot afford to do the right thing.

Recognizing this. Tragedy and Hope was created with a Heart; with a purpose of offering nutritious information without Corporate influence or ads.

We offer what you need, not some variety of whatever will glue your eyes to the screen to reap in corporate ad dollars from companies profiteering from the destruction of our world. In order to stimulate the immune system of the planet, we must raise our own individual awareness and inspect for ourselves, what exactly is going on in the world.

If we can't muster the courage to introduce new information as a measure to dispel the fear and discover the solutions; we will never be free. Freedom comes with self-responsibility, selfreliance, and critical thinking skills applied to awareness of our environment.

Tragedy and Hope was created out of a need to raise the level of participatory learning and communication; to create a fear-free space wherein the solutions found to be (profitable only when concealed by) corporations can be openly shared, discussed, and improved upon. Welcome to the Future, ENJOY!

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## WE HAVE A DREAM...

by the Editors of Tragedy and Hope

June 20, 2009

We have a Dream, and through this new form of interactive multimedia; We wish to share our Dream with you so that you can likewise be empowered to make your Dream into Reality.

"The Greatest Obstacle to Discovery is not Ignorance; it is the Illusion of Knowledge." -Daniel Boorstin

#### A Fact:

The news and critical information which we use to form our daily decisions determines our actions; and uninformed actions lead to regret and unhappiness.

#### Our Observation:

The news and information provided by corporate (for-profit) media companies is being filtered through a profit mechanism; which is depriving the public of the nutritious information necessary to make truly informed decisions. Your loss is their gain, as when corporations suppress information- they profit at your expense. The information they suppress is MORE valuable than the information they provide; therefore, which information is more valuable to You?

#### **Another Fact:**

Corporate charters act as the operating system for a Corporation. These charters specify that the corporation's primary objective is to Profit (without consideration of damage to your life.) liberty, or happiness).

#### Our Question:

If our Social Values (i.e. what we want) are in direct conflict with our Economic Values (i.e. what's profitable); how do we consciously create balance?

#### Introducing Tragedy and Hope

We all can agree that according to the corporate news media: There is FAR too much Tragedy, and not nearly enough Hope.

That's pretty scary, if you choose to believe what you see on TV. Thankfully, there's a lot more to our world than what is profitable to show you on TV.

Think about it, TV is for profit, and what's profitable (for them) is not always beneficial (for you or your family).

We realize that the Hope exists in solutions to our common problems; and it is our job to present these solutions in clear, concise, realistic, and autodidactic (meaning you can teach yourself and be self-reliant) terms; despite whether or not it is profitable, Tragedy and Hope is without doubt necessary and worthwhile. Nobody knows enough to be a pessimist.

#### **Our Mission:**

Is to bring about a massive global awakening of consciousness, and awareness of the Hope which exists. Hope is choice in its various forms: offered through the publication of Tragedy and

With the introduction of ideas, research, news, and contextual history; We are presenting perspectives which UNITE rather than divide.

Tragedy and Hope will spark a shift in global awareness, thereby creating the propagation of a Critical Thinking, Self-Reliant, Cooperative, & Imaginative audience of participants who together- deliver a model for a just & sustainable global community.

We will do this by publishing information which provides new choices; for it is in these new choices (i.e. realizing a bigger picture by selflearning) that Hope Exists, when we Open our Minds to the Unknown

#### The Summary:

Tragedy and Hope is an interactive online multimedia magazine; acting as an engine to drive healthy information to you in an easily consumable format.

We realize that knowledge is not power; it only has potentia to be powerful. Knowledge is only powerful when oganized and intelligently directed through practical plans of action.

Tragedy and Hope organizes knowledge to empower our audience by providing choice; which helps improve the quality of our decisions.

#### The Elevator Pitch:

Tragedy and Hope is a new medium for communication; being the first interactive online multimedia magazine; for people who have realized that corporate media profits by suppressing information.

Our subscribers pay a flat monthly fee, and in return we provide a service that's priceless:

We help our audience organize knowledge into definite plans of action, directed at definite ends; truly making knowledge into individual empowerment. Subscribers to Tragedy and Hope. enjoy an evolutionary advantage: Learning in a low-pressure, self-directed, fear-free environment; aided by a community of everyday people seeking to do likewise. Knowledge becomes power only if you use it to overcome your fear. Learning therefore is even more powerful than knowledge itself; as learning is our power to overcome fear, and fear is the only phenomenon restraining ou dreams from being released into reality.





## STATUS QUO VS. THE DREAM

#### Status Quo:

Function: noun Etymology:

Latin, Meaning: state in which: the existing state of affairs <seeks to preserve the status quo>

Date: 1807

If there is an "existing state of affairs" into which we are ALL born; then We can recognize that it is not of our own doing, and therefore it stands to reason- that the "Status Quo" may not be in the best interest of the People, as it was established before many of us were born-by people who no longer walk this earth.

Accordingly, it is in the best interest of all living people to examine the status quo; and upon inspection, contemplation, and communicationconsider undertaking constructive actions to change it.

Ask yourself: For whom does the "Status Quo" exist? One could argue that it exists for those whose interests were Established before you were able to make an informed choice. Therefore, it does not necessarily exist for your benefit. Ask Yourself: Does the "Status Quo" satisfy my needs; or could there be a better way?

We live in a world where we all need certain things to live, among which are: fresh food, water, air, access to information to maintain and repair our bodies as well as our physical freedom. We need a common language through which we can communicate, and the ability to

speak our minds freely without fear.

We also live in a world where the corporate charter mandates profit at any costwhereby corporations lower their costs by EXTERNALIZING their risk and thereby hiding the TRUE COST of their actions.

We watch corporations outsource to reduce costs, but the costs which are not recognized on the income statements include broken families and unemployed masses; it's just one example of how the big picture is being misrepresented in order to feed broken processes.

We cringe as more and more corporations get bailed out, while more and more honest people lose their jobs, homes, dreams, and overall Hope. That's just part of the Tragedy, and we could all sit around being privately disgusted ... OR, we could recognize that in order to solve the problems we face as humanity- we must first raise our consciousness on an individual

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level. That means, that You have to do this for Yourself, and that nobody can do it for you.

"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them " - Albert Einstein

Einstein is telling us to raise our awareness, to think outside the box. If a problem exists without a solution; the solution then exists in an area vet-to-be explored.

Let's explore and discover, and share the wealth; together.

#### The Dream:

No need for a definition here, we know our dreams as well as we know ourselves; for there is no separation except fear. The illusions cast by fear are dissipated by the light created by learning.

In our dreams we are free without responsiblity.

In reality, freedom is predicated upon responsibility.

That is the difference between our dreams and our reality. The reason we can be free in our dreams without responsibility is due to the fact that within the dream we realize that we are the creator of the experience.

Reality confuses us into believing that we are a victim to our own experience; the process of responsible learning is a journey back to the freedom of our dreams.

We have been led to believe that it is in our "best interest" to be protected from information; as if it is better to have someone else make decisions for us. We have been led to believe that we are fitter, happier, more productive, & more secure if someone else is thinking for us.

Our fives are led along by corporate advertisements, corporate entertainment, corporate news, and the effect of corporate lobbyists on our government.

We ask you:

Do corporations have your best interests at heart when their (only) method of decision making is whether or not something is profitable?

When you make decisions, do you incorporate the causality of your actions upon others before taking action?

Do you consider the causality of your actions upon the environment?

Do you realize that corporations do not consider the welfare of human beings or the environment before they take action?

Do you realize that for-profit corporations cannot afford to act humane; because the corporate charter does not specify such considerations as necessary?

Do you now realize that for-profit corporate media (by design) cannot provide you with the solutions; as the solutions would dissolve the very profit structures upon which they are founded. They have no incentive to solve our problems.

Tragedy and Hope is a mechanism through which we can bring balance to humanity, one mind at a time; through the introduction of information which helps you see things for how they are. From there, the action you should take will be obvious. Follow your consciousness. open your mind, and empower yourself with the tools to manifest your dreams in reality. Subscribe to a higher awareness: Tragedy and Hope.



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#### Our Goal(s) for our Subscribers, Contributors, Partners, and Investors:

- to provide a fear-free environment which fosters learning, self-realization, and selfreliance.
- to provide a service which recognizes, organizes, and presents useful information such that it can be understood, before action is taken.
- to provide a monthly pulse of inspirational and empowering information which allows transcendence of the tragedy by way of learning; producing new choices which form the foundation of hope. Without hope, no constructive or compassionate action can take place.
- to provide a yearly progression of education which creates and fortifies participants with core skills; based on non-corporate role models, sharing real-life experiences:
  - How to make informed decisions
  - Critical Thinking
  - Emotional Responsibility
  - Logic, Reason, and Peaceful Debate
  - · Civics: the process by which we self-govern
  - Compassion for Others: war can only take place when we dehumanize people among our own species.
  - Team Building
  - Problem Solving
  - Conflict Resolution
  - Self-Motivation
  - Self-Realization
  - Self-Healing







You Invest \$10-\$15 per month into Tragedy and Hope & receive:

A) self-confidence
 B) self-reliance
 C) a fear-free perspective
 D) ideas to inspire solutions

These benefits do not expire.

Get Everything You Want.







# TRAGEDYPHOPE

# Are You a Future Contrbutor, Partner, or Investor in Tragedy and Hope?

# The possibilities are literally endless!

Before addressing the benefits of becoming a Contributor, Partner, or Investor in Tragedy and Hope, let's answer a few basic questions:

#### 1. What function does Tragedy and Hope serve?

Embodying the next evolution of media and strategic communications; Tragedy and Hope is a subscription service which provides information- organization, and presentation. Unlike traditional magazines, we are not charging you for the content, rather your subscription applies to the service we provide consisting of investigation, research, organization, and presentation of information in the form of a flip-page internet experience. This empowers you in a variety of ways, including the availablity of a wide variety of publications in a single useful document. However, the real value behind Tragedy and Hope comes from bringing brilliant minds from all fields of study together in one place; allowing all problems to be solved via an innoculation of information. Learning is the vaccine necessary to eradicate mass ignorance; Tragedy and Hope acts as a monthly intrevenous drip of nutritious, nontoxic knowledge- nourishing the world toward health one mind at a time.

#### 2. Who is this for?

Beyond the average subscriber who's looking

for a more efficient and effective way to consume nutritious content, Tragedy and Hope provides a new and unique way for creative minds to elevate their lives.

Tragedy and Hope is for Artists, Academics, Authors, Entrepreneurs, and anyone who creates nutritious, non-toxic content; providing an opportunity to recognize recurring revenues to fund your current and future projects. If you're trying to make a living by writing, filming, recording, providing a useful service or product; Tragedy and Hope was created with you in mind. If you're still discovering how to invest your energy in the world, Tragedy and Hope can still offer you self-empowerment by teaching you how to leverage your MySpace, Facebook, or other community forums and peer-to-peer networks.

#### 3. What do we offer?

We provide a market wherein individuals can offer sustainable and compassionate solutions to audience members who are seeking answers.

We provide a forum wherein peer support and common interests initiate holistic information solutions.

We provide a symbiotic mechanism through which parties operate on equal exchange; for the purpose of achieving satisfaction and happiness rather than profit.

#### 4. How does it work?

- a. potential contributors, partners, and investors make contact and indicate interest
- b. expectations are set and agreed upon
- c. a working relationship is created
- d. we provide you with a contributor/partner/ investor package; containing documentation and code for a PayPal button to be placed on your site
- e. market your new partnership with Tragedy and Hope to your audience & share the empowerment
- f. earn your way to independence. Tragedy and Hope is a self-marketing market, wherein Contributors, Partners, and Investors are earning 50% of every subscription for their projects
- g. enjoy the privileges of equal partnership, and watch your audience grow each month

If you're an author, you've got an audience who purchases your books. Let's say that you make \$10 per book and write 1 book per year; that's a potential of \$10 x your audience.

Thanks to Tragedy and Hope, you can become a contributor and share your wealth of information with our audience any way you like. A short article wherein we present your new project could do more than you can imagine. Here's how it works: You write an article, We publish it; you direct your audience to the value we're providing herein. They subscribe, from your site, using the PalPal button we provided. You get 50% of the subscription, monthly.

Through this strategic relationship you are

creating your own monthly recurring revenue stream; while simultaneously cross-educating your audience, thus empowering them with more knowledge and context than you alone could provide. Tragedy and Hope presents your work whereby it is complimented by the work of our myriad of Contributors and Partners.

Tragedy and Hope is \$120 per year (\$10 per month), or \$14.95 monthly if a subscriber isn't sure about their long-term need for quality information.

In either case, Contributors, Partners, and Entrepreneurs will receive 1/2 of the monthly subscription service fee.

#### 5. What is the Result?

Since Tragedy and Hope's goal is to inform our audience, rather than to profit; the equal sharing of revenues with Contributors and Partners creates the new market wherein we operate.

The Benefit to your Audience is that your energy is fully focused and invested through Tragedy and Hope; yielding returns for you in the forms of social and intellectual- as well as physical-capital. Simultaneously, your audience is empowered by the wealth of additional content within each issue.

#### 6. What is there to fear?

The only thing to fear in this world is the inability to make truly informed decisions and being afforded the opportunity to take prudent action. Tragedy and Hope helps to eradicate this fear by providing a curriculum that fosters open-mindedness and critical thinking, leading to a balanced view from the experience of understanding by learning. Learning is the process of exploring the unknown, and the only pathway to dissipating and eventually overcoming our fears.

Learning is not something of which we should be afraid.



# The Legacy of Paul Newman Lives on in Tragedy and Hope

Where did we get the idea to blend the benefits of a Non-Profit Organization with that of a For-Profit Corporation?

Well, we desired to be a solely non-profit organization; and then we discovered shortcomings which would adversely affect our ability to remain in integrity with You.

We might for instance, want to inform our audience about the Federal Reserve's "Bailout" strategy; one in which Trillions (yes, that's right) of U.S. Taxpayers' dollars are missing and suspected stolen.

According to the I.R.S.'s rules; we could be in breach of our agreement; and the choice would be to lose our non-profit status or to suppress the information You need to make informed decisions.

So the non-profit route has benefits, and limitations.

The downfall of a corporation whose sole goal is to profit; is that the corporation eventually starts to profit at the cost of human suffering and/or environmental damage. This behavior is called Cartel Capitalism; wherein the rule of profit trumps all other rules in order to survive.

Cartel Capitalism is at the heart of our current economic and social woes. The plain truth is this: Our social values are in direct conflict with our economic values as a Country.

We see the benefit of profit; but not when it comes at the expense of our health and environment.

So it occurred to us that we could run a standard model of a corporation; wherein instead of hoarding the profits for our own personal gain, we share the wealth to empower others.

In essence, the model for a win/win private corporation; wherein we cover our costs. but also take a leadership stance in how profits should be reinvested into constructive, compassionate projects that foster sustainability and humility.

The better we do, the more we can do for others; reinvesting our energy into the worldputting it to work in our world for creative. compassionate, constructive, and sustainable social solutions.

Ironically enough, our inspiration was confirmed- by a frozen pizza.

Paul Newman died at the age of 83, but his death is hardly noticed by thousands who are still to this day being helped by his hard-working hands through the Newman's Own Foundation.

Beyond recognition for his (acting), we came to realize the brilliance of how Paul took (action) in real life.

He had already figured out, built, test-driven. refined, and proven that the engine he built to address social woes. What engine you ask?

Newman's Own, and it's equal and opposite part; The Newman's Own Foundation- the engine which he built to balance his efforts. It's still running today.

Paul Newman was a race-car driver at heart: and raced well into his 80's. A racer's mind is the engine that drives him through life; and Paul's mind developed a revenue engine to begin to solve the problems he saw in the world.

He & his wife Joanne (Woodward) designed a way to generate massive amounts of revenue;

donating the profits- i.e. all of the excess energyliterally giving it away to be used constructively. globally.

The more of their products you buy, the more profits that go to organizations creating positive change in the world. Paul saw fit to say to himself, "I've got enough"; and with that he was able to give, and give, and give; for the rest of his life- and beyond.

The Newman's Own brand, subtitled: "Shameless Exploitation in Pursuit of the Common Good", has given away more than \$250,000,000 since 1982... and is still giving strong.

> We said to ourselves; why try to recreate the wheel, when we could do likewise?

That's the inspiration behind Tragedy and Hope's revenue strategy: we sacrifice profit in order to make progress. Paul Newman, a great actor- Yes- but more than that, he changed the world with his heart, as much as his mind and body because he built an imaginative legacy that continues to Give & Love.





## the cons: what you lose

✓ Your Fear.



Sacrifice Your Fear.

## the pros: what you gain

- Social Capital: your time, energy, & actions are empowering others
- Intellectual Capital: your ideas increase in relative value
- Physical Capital: your finances increase in relative value
- Leading Edge among Peers: you're more respected
- Emotional Responsibility: you respect yourself & the emotions of others
- Social Responsibility: you actively respect your friends/colleagues
- Civic Responsibility: you constructively participate in your community
- Expansion of Creative Thought: you're better prepared to visualize hope
- Elevation of Critical Thought: you're better equipped to act on fact
- Self-Reliance; you're experienced enough to adapt, evolve, and overcome challenges; giving you first hand knowledge to learn new methods and strategies to survive and help those around you
- Improved Communication and Cooperation skills: you're better prepared to convey the ideas inspired by Tragedy and Hope
- Streamlined and Effective Time Management Skills: you're getting more done, being more effective, and less stressed because you're wisely employing your most valuable asset to your advantage-Time!
- Accurate Perspectives Reflective of Reality: your investment into selfawareness spills over into how you see the world- clearly and without ego. This objective perspective allows you to precisely examine, without fear, the reality we're all changing together- one mind at a time-through Tragedy and Hope.

Gain Your Confidence.





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## Inbox (mail from subscribers)

"Richard, i just heard/watched your latest podcast and am looking forward to T&H. Recently I was notified of my subscription renewal to you and I wanted to let you know that I appreciate the work you are doing. - John (Farrell)"

"The video quality is looking great, chief. Thanks for the update and another excellent episode of "Another Point of You" with Meria! Peace, Matthew (Nagel)"

"Richard, Talked to Jan for some time tonight, and I asked him about the status of the new T&H site, and if you're ready to accept subscribers. He mentioned that you have a few. How do I get on board? Should I use that donation button 8thestate.com site? BTW, one thing I told Jan was that your podcast series was a major milestone in my recent personal evolution over the last several months. The catalyst to be sure. It did the trick because your hard work -- blood, sweat and love -- drew me in and challenged me to think, and reconsider the world as I see it and the world as I feel it. That's the power of art, isn't it? Thanks for playing an important role in my growth and transformation. I look forward to participating going forward. -Dave Lenef."

"Hi Richard, I just recieved the most recent podcast Tragedy & Hope, brilliant idea, can't wait! I feel 120bucks a year is a generous offer considering the amount of info T & H is going to provide, i'm more than willing to pay the full price. The test site looks great, i really like things like "the brain", and "who owns your candidate", very clever! Interesting to see divergent films Hijacking Humanity up there, i have the original handwritten 2 dvd sneak preview copy from Craig Brockie presents, got it awhile back. Exciting stuff man, this whole

movement is growing exponentially, as it should be, we're making waves ... Thank for hangin' in there, i always appreciate the work you continue to do and the effort you make to keep it real:-) Happy Holidays my friend and keep up the good work, Mark (Edward)"

"Hi Richard, Thanks for the feedback. Yes - go ahead and use my Doomsayer article for your interactive magazine. Just provide a link to me and to The Cleaver. Your subscription model sounds interesting. It's great to build a solid audience, a good example of which can be seen over with Henrik & Fredrik over at Red Ice. Radio. They have a very intelligent following, with paid monthly subscription sections and media etc. Anyway - once you get up and running, let me know - send me a login and hopefully I'll be able to drive some traffic your way. If you say that will bring me a little revenue too, all the better, more projects will be possible. Great stuff, It's a real balancing act to fit things in. You know how it is. Anyway keep an eye on The Cleaver... and keep up the good work! Happy birthday for your 35th! Go deeply, Neil Kramer"

"RG & Crew, Hope all is going ok for the moment. I am interested to see what the magazine will be like and feature in the beginning stages. Your show with Mike and Meria was very good. I have subscribed to the Think Tank, which is basically a subscription to the magazine... or I guess you could say that the other way around. Once again, I appreciate the work (and I do consider it great WORK) the whole team does there. I have been going over many of Meria's shows from December and January... trying to listen to them all. 3/4 through at this point I think. I am impressed by David Read More > Blume's contributions to a



## Help Michael Moore make his next film!

### Wall Street 'Swindle' Gets Moore to Ask Bankers to Spill Beans

By Pat Wechsler (Reuters)

Michael Moore, whose documentaries skewered General Motors Corp. and the U.S. health-care industry, is searching for current and former bankers to spill the beans on Wall Street for a new film.

An e-mail from Moore today asked for volunteers to "step up as an American" and shed light on the financial collapse that has resulted in almost \$1.1 trillion in losses and writedowns globally.

"Wall Street better gird itself," said Howard Rubenstein, president of Rubenstein Associates Inc. a. New York-based public-relations firms that advises hedge funds, private-equity firms and banks, "The Huns are

Moore declined to comment, according to a spokesman for Overture Films, the Wall

invading."

Street movie's distributor for North America, who asked to remain unidentified because he doesn't represent the filmmaker directly. Overture Films LLC is owned by Starz LLC, part of cable billionaire John Malone's holdings.

The 55-year-old Michigan native made his name with the 1989 release of "Roger & Me," which documents his unsuccessful efforts to confront former GM Chief Executive Officer Roger Smith about his management of what was then the world's biggest automaker. Moore's latest project will expose "the biggest swindle in American history," according to an article posted to michaelmoore.com.

Movie Title

While the Overture spokesman wouldn't comment on the title of Moore's movie, the filmmaker asked in his e-mail for responses to be sent to bailout@michaelmoore.com.

> Moore claimed on his Web site to have heard from a "few brave people" already.

"Based on those who have contacted me. I believe there are a number of you who know 'the real deal," he wrote. "You have information that the American people need to hear. I am humbly asking you

for a moment

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## Hail to the Spleef!

## **Did George Washington Smoke Pot?**

By Harvey Wasserman

Did George Washington raise hemp? Did he smoke it? Was he gay?

The easy answers are definitely, probably, and maybe.

The questions arise with pre-publication of the shocking satire PASSIONS OF THE PATRIOTS by "Thomas Paine," which opens with Le General in the hemp-filled embrace of his beloved Marquis de Lafayette.

As Washington's February 22 birthday approaches, his personal habits say much about today's America.

Like virtually every Revolutionary farmer, the Father of Our Country grew prodigious quantities of hemp. It was (is) a profitable cash crop, easy to grow, with scant demands for cultivation, watering or fertilizing. As a hardy perennial, it needs no year-after-year replanting, nor pesticides or herbicides.

Early American farmers used cannabis for cloth, rope, sails, paper and much more. At various times its cultivation has been mandatory. Kansas was virtually carpeted with it during World War Two. In today's conversion to a Solartopian economy, the cellulose of its stems and leaves, and the oil from its seeds, could be essential for green ethanol and biodiesel fuels.

Washington and his fellow planter/presidents Tom Jefferson and James Madison would be astonished to hear that hemp is illegal. These early chief executives would certainly

have told President Obama that a re-legalized cannabis crop would mean billions of dollars in desperately needed farm revenue throughout the United States.

As for smoking, I know of no significant communication among the Founders extolling their "great weed."

But in one of his meticulous agricultural journals, dated 1765, Washington regrets being late to separate his male hemp plants from his females. For a master farmer like George, there would be little reason to do this except to make the females ripe for smoking.

The medicinal uses of cannabis were known to the ancient Chinese. Thousands of years later, it's inconceivable American growers would not indulge in its recreational powers.

As for Washington's sexual preferences, his marriage to Martha was sometimes suspect. Historians joke that he did not marry her for her money, but rather for her stocks, bonds, land and slaves. In a letter to a friend, he complained that there was "not much fire between the sheets."

Ben Franklin, the ultimate liberal, loved so many women he joked that the great miracle in his life was that he contracted no related diseases. Tom Jefferson impregnated his slave mistress Sally Hemings as many as seven times. From Andrew Jackson to Bill Clinton, American presidents have been infamous for their sexual dalliances.

George Washington did not lack for female



#### Tragedy & Hope behind the scenes Interview with Meria Heller

New episode of Another Point of You with co-host Richard Grove, Guest Mike Siers and Meria. What is REAL hope and change? what constitutes a "perfect world"? How to achieve a world without war: elevate your consciousness; PTSD exposure therapy for soldiers using MDMA (ecstacy); what is consciousness? What is the usefulness of partnership and cooperation; making profit or progress; "Agony and ecstasy"; journey of the self; how truth or action changes you, Mike's experiences in Aghanistan (veteran) and how he recovered once home; a massive awakening of global consciousness and lots more.

David Icke on Media Manipulation on the Meria Heller Show



## Is the Earth in fact Growing?

Neal Adams asks a question that could change how you see the world. It's a question asked 60+ years ago by Australian researcher Samuel Warren Carey; who died in 2002.

Investigating "continental drift" on his own, Carey made a large globe on which he manipulated detailed models of the continents. Dissatisfied with his results, he eventually concluded that the continents fit together properly only on a globe that had once been smaller. With that core idea, many other details seemed to fall in place.

For a decade starting in the mid-1950s, Carey's theory of

Earth expansion was taken seriously. It made sense on the large scale, at the level of detail known at the time. The man was a factor as well. Both a vigorous lecturer and an articulate writer, Carey was a formidable opponent in argument. Invited to Yale University in 1958, he came into the American arena as if entering a lion's den. Nothing ever budged him from his convictions. Even if he didn't convince his whole audience. many of his peers nevertheles were moved to frame their own fruitful hypotheses. Those became today's theory of plate tectonics.

### TRAGEDY: HOPE:

## Man hands out cash in New York

By Sima Kotecha Newsbeat US reporter

Imagine getting \$50 (£35) for doing absolutely nothing. Well in New York, a man is giving away stacks of cash to anyone who's prepared to stand in line for it.

The mystery man, who calls himself 'Bailout Bill', says in the middle of an economic crisis ordinary Americans who are struggling to make ends meet deserve a bailout.

In order to get the money people have to go the 'Bailout Booth' in the

heart of Manhattan's Times Square.

It's a small cubicle, a couple of blocks away from the massive Virgin Megastore

The minimum anyone can get is \$50 (£35). The maximum is \$5,000 (£3,513).

No matter who you are or what you do Bailout Bill guarantees that you'll get something if you just show up and tell your story.

Hundreds have already braved the freezing temperatures to get their free dosh. Some have stood in line for hours before getting to the front.

Gerrard Rinemoof, 34, was covered in snow before he got his cash.

He told Newsbeat it was worth it. "Our cat is "

sick and we had to take him to the vet, so the 50 bucks helps me pay the bill."

But perhaps there is something Bailout Bill would like in exchange - even though he doesn't necessarily spell it out.

His staff hold up banners which have the address of his website printed on them.

They encourage the public to go online and to check it out, it's an advertising site where people can post their videos and adverts in order to sell items they no longer want.

> So maybe Bailout Bill is giving away thousands to promote his business?

Many here don't seem to care. Rodriguez, who's 24, said the entrepreneur had a big heart.

"Basically I just need to pay my bills and save money, and this money helps

me do that. With my \$50 I'm going to grab a McDonald's now."

The Bailout Booth doesn't end here in New York. In the coming weeks, it'll make stops in Washington DC, Boston, and Philadelphia.

One homeless woman, who didn't want to give her name, said: "I have no jacket, nowhere to live, and I'm sick. God bless this day."



# Working Class Heroes

by Richard Grove, Editor

In a world where everyone is fearing their own lack of resources; We are proud to present a few words from someone who has spent the last few years investing his time and energy to make it possible for us to present you with Tragedy and Hope.

habits are not fulfilling our needs- a paradig change is needed. We are noticing that billions of lives, as well as our eco-system, are being crushed by a few hundred million people, under the influence of an operating system which has conditioned us to be soci

Rick Malchow is a blue-collar fella, he's friendly, helpful, and an intense thinker. Working on the assembly line one day at a well known aircraft manufacturer; it occurred to Rick that he could be doing more, and worrying less.

Rick contacted us and we engaged with him to help create a resource through which the average person could become empowered through the consumption of non-toxic news, healthy new ideas, and nutritious history to help people understand their world in context.

Instead of using his weekends to sit back and watch NASCAR or his favorite TV shows, Rick thought that he should work

some overtime. Well, not just some overtime...

Rick worked overtime at every opportunity. He saved his money, and then he put it to work.

Instead of losing all of those hours watching TV, he worked toward a bigger dream; and that dream is represented by Tragedy and Hope.

With that, I thought that it would be appropriate to grace these pages with a few words from a man, without whom, this dream would never have been born into reality:

"With all that is going on in the world, more and more of us are realizing that our existing habits are not fulfilling our needs- a paradigm change is needed. We are noticing that billions of lives, as well as our eco-system, are being crushed by a few hundred million people, under the influence of an operating system which has conditioned us to be socially darwinistic, partaking in a consensus reality of fear and anxiety void of individuality and sovereignty...all for the profit of corporations void of humanity. Those of us realizing this are coalescing together to provide answers for a

sustainable environment in which all 7 billion of us can live in harmony and peace. The information that we need is simply not given to us as it does not profit corporations. We realize that having an account with 1's and 0's in it, and lots of shiny material objects is not the best way to invest our energy, rather, the best investment we can make is through art as alternitive media, delivered to open minds with intensions set on following intrinsic natural

law with which we are all blessed. Stop; and reverse the affects of the chemical labotomy which has infected our critical mass...subscribe to T&H, an investment in people who care about sustainability for all as opposed to corporate profit for a few.

Peace, Rick"

(I am pleased to announce Rick Malchow as our "Working Class Hero" for this inaugural issue- THANK YOU Rick, for your unconditional support and friendship; and for believing in the dream!)





## Fractal Wisdom

by Bruce Lipton, Ph.D.

Bruce H Litpon, PhD uses the insights of fractal geometry to explain how unique answers to the global issues of human community may be solved by learning from the integrated community of cells within the human body.

### The Biology of Perception

"The bottom line is, genes do NOT control our biology, that an assumption made years ago that was never even proven scientifically - it just seemed so correct that we bought the story if the mechanism actually worked according to the textbooks, ie. if the genes control biology, then at least 120,000 genes would be required to make a human. But when the human genome projects results were in, ... it was discovered that 2/3rds of the genes (needed to support their model) were missing. It's not that the genes were missing, it was the understanding that was wrong.

"We have to come to a new way of understanding biology. This 'new' understanding has actually already been in the leading edge of science for 10 years now. It takes at least 10 or 15 years for science to take a fact from its first inception and get it out into the public so that the people can understand it. That means anything in current textbooks is at least 10 or 15 years old. What you're going to hear tonight is what's going to be the future textbooks. "

-Bruce Lipton in the Biology of Perception



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The Biology of Perception can be screened via the links below:

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#### Reflect on the Tragedy

#### The World According to Monsanto

On March 11, 2008 a new documentary was aired on French television (ARTE - French-German cultural tv channel) by French journalist and film maker Marie-Monique Robin, The World According to Monsanto - A documentary that you won't see on American television. The gigantic biotech corporation Monsanto is threatening to destroy the agricultural biodiversity which has served mankind for thousands of years.





#### Realize the Hope

#### The Emperor of Hemp

This is the film the United States government does not want you to see. This is the film that could cost big business big bucks. This is the film that contains the facts about one movement ... one man ... and one miraculous plant that could revolutionize the world. "Emperor of Hemp" exposes the secrets behind hemp and marijuana prohibition as seen through the eyes of Jack Herer, author of "The Emperor Wears No Clothes," the bestselling classic that ignited the Hemp Revolution around the world.

#### The Future of Food

The Future of Food offers an in-depth investigation into the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled grocery store shelves for the past decade. Shot on location in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, this film examines the complex web of market and political forces that are changing what we eat as huge multinational corporations seek to control the world's food system. The film also explores alternatives to large-scale industrial agriculture, placing organic and sustainable agriculture as real solutions to the farm crisis today.





#### Magic Weed

THE MAGIC WEED traces the story of the Cannabis plant, which has a ten thousand year history in human culture. With its origins in China, its uses have ranged from medicine, clothing, war, feed stock, and of course, recreational. Also explored in this documentary is the American relationship with hemp. including its ban during the 1920s, prohibition in 1937 at the behest of DuPont, JP Morgan. & others who profit from destruction of our environment and health. Understanding the toxic effects of corporations post-prohibition of Cannabis/Hemp is the key to understanding the

### Who Killed the **Electric Car?**

Who Killed the Electric Car? is a 2006 documentary film that explores the birth, limited commercialization, and subsequent death of the battery electric vehicle in the United States, specifically the General Motors EV1 of the 1990s. The film explores the roles of automobile manufacturers, the oil industry, the US government, batteries, hydrogen vehicles, and consumers in limiting the development and adoption of this technology.





#### Alcohol can be a Gas!

David Blume is another person who's invested his time in putting his mind to work on solving the problems of our time. His work and research presents us with a plausible solution: We can use alcohol as a fuel. The alcohol can be sustainably derived from a variety of plant sources, burns cleanly, and is non-toxic to our bodies.

## Salt Water Burns! A Car that Runs on Water.

As you'll see in the Science and Technology section of Tragedy and Hope, John Kanzius is working on more than just curing cancer... he's discovered a side-effect of the resonant frequencies he's using in the cancer research he's doing. This unique and provactive sideeffect is: salt water burns, can be used as fuel, and can power everything which currently runs on petroleum. Food for Thought!





## Ford Car Made from Hemp Plastic!

Back in 1941 Henry Ford produced an eco-friendly car made out of a non-toxic plastic made from the fibers of the hemp plant; which has been used as a tool by humanity for over 10,000 years.

Ironically, since hemp had been recently prohibited, and a lot of money was being made from patentable petroleum molecules; the hemp car was never mass-produced.

Think of how much money insurance and oil companies would lose if Ford were to produce these nearly indestructable cars today!

# The Ludicrousness of Wood-Pulp Paper Products

by the Editors of Tragedy and Hope

As human beings, we breathe Oxygen (O2) and we exhale Carbon Monoxide (CO2).

Trees breathe in CO2, and as a result of photosynthesis, exhale O2; Trees are the lungs of the Earth, and as the Earth breathes... so do we as human beings.

Nature intended us to live in a symbiotic & synergistic manner with the trees; it's a win/win relationship.

That being understood, it would seem illogical and irrational for human beings to ever damage or betray this relationship. Yet that is exactly what we have done- systematically.

Over the past 100+ years, Corporate agendas have sought extreme profit by pillaging the environment, instead of leveraging the sustainable solutions which already exist.

Specifically, the prohibition of hemp helped to propel logging operations into extreme profitability. With hemp off of the market, corporations like Hearst and DuPont ensured the monopoly of wood pulp paper.

DuPont patented a new formula to bleach wood-pulp paper; yet the fact that this process introduced carcinogens into the environment made no difference to DuPont or it's shareholders. Aided and abetted by Hearst, the largest paper-using publisher at the time, the standard by which we all live was contrived.

It is this sort of Cartel Capitalism- with no regard for the health of the public or the environment which sustains us- which has become the common profit mechanism without boundaries, oversight, or balance.

It's done by externalizing costs to an unwitting third party. It is the very basis of Criminal Conspiracy. If globalism's multi-national corporations are intentionally inflicting the environmental problems we face; what are we going to do about it?

Once we recognize that there is something wrong- where do we start? We begin with education, Googling, if you will. We have to take a leadership position by taking action, and that starts with becoming informed on the options being suppressed and sacrificed for profit motives. We can no longer afford to sit back idly and observe this toxic situation.

To continue to use wood-pulp to produce Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Copier Paper, News Paper, etc., is absolutely ludicrous in light of the facts. The problem we've encountered until now- was that there were few printing the facts. The only reason that hemp was truly prohibited was for the inability to patent it-thereby making it worthless to globalist corporations.

It is the single-most useful plant on the planet, and in addition to providing sustainable paper, plastic, fuel, and clothing; it is also the most medicinal plant known to mankind- and has a 10,000 year history of use. The fate of our trees, our planet, and our selves are all linked together; and the single thread that could be cut in order to guarantee our future; is that of the prohibition of hemp.

It will take a while for everyone to do their homework, but the sooner we explore this option; the sooner we realize the solution. For a great start on your education, begin by consuming everything on this site:

www.JackHerer.com

# Forest for the Trees: Judi Bari

Earth First! Leader Judi
Bari was accused of being
a terrorist. In light of this
allegation, Bari sued the
FBI in 2002. Now, five years
after her death, Bari is finally
getting her day in court.



## Monsanto & You: Tom Vilsack's Kind of Agriculture Another Shill for Monsanto

Forest Service.

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By RONNIE CUMMINS

http://www.organicconsumers.org/

Yesterday's announcement that former lowa Governor, Tom Vilsack, has been selected as the new Secretary of Agriculture sent a chill through the sustainable food and farming community who have been lobbying for a champion in the new administration.

"Vilsack's nomination sends the message that dangerous, untested, unlabeled genetically engineered crops will be the norm in the Obarna Administration," said Ronnie Cummins, Executive Director of Organic Consumers Association. "Our nation's future depends on crafting a forward-thinking strategy to promote organic and sustainable food and farming, and address the related crises of climate change, diminishing energy supplies, deteriorating public health, and economic depression."

The Department of Agriculture during the Bush Administration failed to promote a sustainable vision for food and farming and did not protect consumers from the chemical-intensive toxic practices inherent to industrial agriculture. While factory farms and junk food have been subsidized with billions of tax dollars, the US industrial farm system has released massive amounts of climate-destabilizing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and increased our dependence on foreign oil.

The Secretary of Agriculture is responsible for directing the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Association members have sent over 20,000 emails to President-Elect Obama's Transition
Team, calling for the appointment of a Secretary of Agriculture who would develop and implement a plan that promotes family-scale farming, a safe and nutritious food system, and a programs, agriculture subsidies, and the

world.

Over the past month, Organic Consumers

"Obama's choice for Secretary of Agriculture points to the continuation of agribusiness as usual, the failed policies of chemicaland energy-intensive, genetically engineered industrial agriculture," said Cummins. "Americans were promised 'change,' not just another shill for Monsanto and corporate agribusiness. Considering the challenges we collectively face as a nation, from climate change and rising energy costs to food insecurity, we need an administration that moves beyond 'business as usual' to fundamental changebefore it's too late." concluded Cummins.

Vilsack has been a strong supporter of genetically engineered pharmaceutical crops, especially pharmaceutical corn.

The biggest biotechnology industry group, the Biotechnology Industry Organization, named Vilsack Governor of the Year. He is also the founder and former chair of the Governor's Biotechnology Partnership.

When Vilsack created the lowa Values Fund, his first poster child for economic development was Trans Ova and their pursuit of cloning dairy cows.

The undemocratic 2005 seed pre-emption bill was the Vilsack's brainchild. The law strips local government's right to regulate genetically engineered seed.

Vilsack is an ardent supporter of corn and soy based biofuels, which use as much or more energy to produce as they generate and drive up world food prices, literally starving the poor.

The OCA has launched an online petition campaign at www.stopvilsack.orgto mobilize hundreds of thousands of people to oppose Vilsack's Senate confirmation.

Additionally, OCA's nationwide network of 850,000 organic consumers are urging members of Congress to move beyond business as usual and implement a comprehensive strategy for organic food and farming in 2009 and beyond.

Ronnie Cummins is director of the Organic Consumers Alliance. He can be reached at: ronnie@organicconsumers.org.

# Take the \$100,000.00 Challenge:

## Read this article, Realize the Potential of Cannabis Hemp, and Inform Your Friends!

The following message will be included in Jack's that grows 10-12 inches in 30 days compared updated version of The Emperor Wears No Clothes. Please let us know what you think of it, and feel free to distribute it to everyone you know. Thank you.

Jeannie Herer

#### Prove us wrong! Prove us wrong! Prove us wrong!

And we hereby extend our \$100,000 challenge to prove us wrong!

If all fossil fuels and their derivatives, as well as trees for paper and construction, were banned in order to save the planet, reverse the greenhouse effect and stop deforestation; then there is only one known annually renewable natural resource that is capable of providing the overall majority of the world's paper and textiles: meet all of the world's transportation, industrial and home energy needs, while simultaneously reducing pollution, rebuilding the soil and cleaning the atmosphere all at the same time ... and that substance is the same one that has done it before... Cannabis/Hemp/Marijuana!

CANNABIS HEMP is the only known plant that can be grown from the Equator to the Arctic Circle and to the Antarctic Circle; from the mountains to the valleys, from the oceans to the plains, including arid lands and everywhere in between. CANNABIS HEMP is the healthiest plant for the ground out of the 3 1/2 million plants on Earth, because it has a root system

to one inch for rye or barley grass. The roots penetrate up to 16 feet deep and after harvest it leaves a root system that is mulched into the ground. It is the King Kong of King Kongs of all plant life.

All of my information about CANNABIS HEMP has been taken from Federal and State Department of Agriculture reports, articles from Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Pulp & Paper Magazine, Scientific American, entries from encyclopedias and pharmacoepias, and studies from all over the world during the last 200 years. This is all public information. The United States government is hiding the fact that 125 years ago, and even as far back as 4000 BC, 80 percent of our economy was based on the use of CANNABIS HEMP for paper, fiber and fuel. Ten to 20 percent of our economy was based on CANNABIS HEMP medicines, 125 years ago.

CANNABIS HEMP was part of our everyday life. Every farm had a hemp patch growing. This cover-up outrages me and it should outrage you, too. I have been studying about CANNABIS HEMP for over 30 years, and I can't believe how the U.S. government, in 90 seconds in Congress, could outlaw "MARIJUANA" in 1937. without the people realizing they were outlawing CANNABIS HEMP, the most perfect plant for the planet! They even got other countries to outlaw it, too, after the Second World War. From 1840 to 1940, 80 percent of all the world's hemp was grown in, and imported from, Russia.

With the technology of the decorticator,

CANNABIS HEMP would have taken over the cotton market, as it is far superior to cotton. I will again reiterate a few of the facts about CANNABIS/HEMP/MARIJUANA, which you already know.

CANNABIS/HEMP/MARIJUANA was the number ONE annually renewable natural resource for 80 percent of all paper, fiber and fuel. From 6000 years ago to 125 years ago, it was used for food, light, land and soil reclamation, and even 20 percent of all medicine. Everyone, from the educated to the uneducated, the farmer to the townsperson, the doctors and the scientists used hemp products and depended on them until about 125 years ago.

Seventy-five to 90 percent of all paper used from at least 100 AD to 1883 was made of CANNABIS HEMP. Books, including Bibles, money and newspapers all over the world have been mainly printed on CANNABIS HEMP for as long as these things have existed in human history. They were printed on hemp exclusively!

Seventy to 90 percent of all rope, twine, cordage and ship sails, 125 years ago, were made out of CANNABIS HEMP fiber, until it was replaced by petrochemical fibers in 1937 and 1938. By comparison, CANNABIS HEMP is four times softer than cotton, four times warmer, four times more water absorbent, has three times the strength of cotton, is many times more durable and doesn't use pesticides like cotton, and is flame retardant. Fifty percent of all pesticides are used on cotton, and cotton uses only one percent of the farmland

Of all the 3 1/2 million plants on Earth, no other plant source can compare with the nutritional value of CANNABIS HEMP seeds. It is the only plant on Earth that has essential amino acids, essential fatty acids and protein and essential oils combined. It is the healthiest plant for human consumption.

Prior to the 1800s, HEMPSEED oil was the number ONE source for lighting oil throughout the world. As late as 1937, even paints and varnishes were 80 percent HEMPSEED oil. CANNABIS HEMP is non-toxic and has been used to make high-grade diesel fuel, oil, aircraft and precision oil and even the number ONE vegetable oil. HEMP is the best sustainable source of plant pulp for biomass fuel to make charcoal, gas, methanol, gasoline and electricity in a natural way.

As a medicine, the use of MARIJUANA goes back 6000 years. It has been found to be healthy and effective in the treatment of chronic pain, cancer, strokes, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, sickle cell anemia, AIDS wasting and many other illnesses, including simple nausea, appetite stimulant and anxiety. On September 6, 1988, the Drug Enforcement Administration's Chief Administrative Law Judge, Francis L. Young, ruled: "Marijuana, in its natural form, is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man," and asked the Drug Enforcement Agency to reschedule it. The DEA refused, keeping it as a Schedule I drug, which they say "has no known medical use" ? from 1937 to 2002! Nobody has ever died from marijuana in 6000 years... unless they were shot by a cop!

CANNABIS HEMP was used for land reclamation until 1915. HEMP was planted or left to grow feral as ground cover and not intended for harvest. It is the number ONE plant to prevent mudslides and loss of watershed, and river and soil erosion.

What disgusts me the most is how the government, as well as the people, knew about HEMP and praised its value and then what happened? In literally 90 seconds, the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937 passed in Congress. By using the unknown name "marijuana" instead of the familiar name Read More > "cannabis hemp", Congress



# Inventor may have breakthrough in killing cancer cells

The work has been quietly been going on for the last three years in a no-frills laboratory in Erie, Pennsylvania. Inventor, John Kanzius, working with Jim and Charlie Rutkowski, have been perfecting a device that will kill cancer cells with a radio frequency.

This humble workspace could soon become the epicenter of one of the most stunning scientific breakthroughs in cancer treatment in years.

Using the Kanzius RF machine and special nanoparticles, it appears that cancer cells can be targeted and killed without harming the rest of the body.

This is a deeply personal mission for John Kanzius. He is struggling to beat leaukemia. And he knows firsthand how tough standard treatments like chemotherapy and radiation can be on the body.

Kanzius told Channel 3's Mike O'Mara that, "If this ends up working they way it looks, it really could be the holy grail of cancer research."

The entire city of Erie is buzzing about John's invention. Two weekends ago, thousands turned out for a motorcycle rally called "Roar On The Shore" All the money is going to help John's cancer research.

Raiph Pontillo is the head of the Erie Manufacturers Association. He is proud that his city can help the Kanzius project.

"It's amazing, said Ralph, "that in the very near future someone is going to stick a pin on a map and say this is where cancer was cured. And that pin is going to be Erie, Pennsylvania. That blows your mind and that is inconceivable."

Former Erie Mayor, Joyce Savocchio, said "there are nights that I think about it and I can't go to sleep. It just enfolds you that you are on the brink of history and something so enormous that you can't imagine it."

The excitement is not limited to Erie. Pennsylvania. In Houston, Texas at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, a team of scientists believe that John Kanzius has the key to something extraordinary.

MD Anderson is one of the most respected cancer centers in the world. 79 thousand cancer patients were treated at the huge campus in Houston last year.

Doctor Steven Curley is leading the research team at MD Anderson. Dr. Curley is the author of over 110 publications and 30 book chapters, many dealing with the treatment of patients with hepotocellular cancer, gallbladder cancer, bile duct cancer, or liver metastases.

Curley is brimming with cautious optimism.

"If we can come up with ways of delivering these particles to the cancer cells, but not to normal cells," Curley said, "this treatment will work. There's not a doubt in my mind. Any kind of cancer, anywhere in the body!"

Doctor Curley's team is ready to publish their first results using laboratory animals. So far,

the targeted nanoparticles and the Kanzius RF machine have passed every test.

There is a great deal of work that has to be done", said Curley. "However, I suspect once the manuscripts are published, there's going to be a real rush of excitement about this whole process. I've already warned John to get ready because the floodgates are about to open."

Kanzius wants to make sure his invention does not get sidelined by an unsympathetic corporation that might not want see an effective treatment on the market

Said Kanzius venture capitalists, big pharmaceuticals that might want to buy this to tempt me and stop the research, not going to happen. There is no amount of money that can buy me off. You can not put a price on a human life."

For updates on the progress of this invention, visit the John Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation @ http://www. kanziuscancerresearch.com/ index.htm

## Study shows Kanzius' concept works

By David Bruce

Researchers have shown that they can target cancer cells with tiny pieces of gold and destroy the cells by using John Kanzius' external radio-frequency generator.

The success clears a major hurdle in proving that the Millcreek Township inventor's device can be used to successfully treat cancer in humans.

A scientific article about the targeting will be published today on the Web site of the Journal of Experimental Therapeutics and Oncology. The journal's Web site is www.oldcitypublishing. com/JETO/JETO.html.

"I was pretty excited when the targeting happened," said Steven Curley, M.D.,

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#### Linked Data = Meaningful Data

20 years ago, Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web. For his next project, he's building a web for open, linked data that could do for numbers what the Web did for words, pictures, video: unlock our data and reframe the way we use it together.

#### **Brain Surgeon** has a Stroke, & Lives to Explain it

Neuroanatomist Jill Bolte Taylor had an opportunity few brain scientists would wish for: One morning, she realized she was having a massive stroke. As it happened - as she felt her brain functions slip away one by one, speech, movement, understanding -- she studied and remembered every moment. This is a powerful story about how our brains define us and connect us to the world and to one another.





#### Effects of Wars and Globalism: Raising the Standard of Living?

With the drama and urgency of a sportscaster, statistics guru Hans Rosling uses an amazing new presentation tool, Gapminder, to debunk several myths about world development. Rosling is professor of international health at Sweden's Karolinska Institute, and founder of Gapminder, a nonprofit that brings vital global data to life.

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years ago; proving
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to be dependent on
petroleum, and that
sustainable crops like
hemp can be turned into
alcohol fuel.

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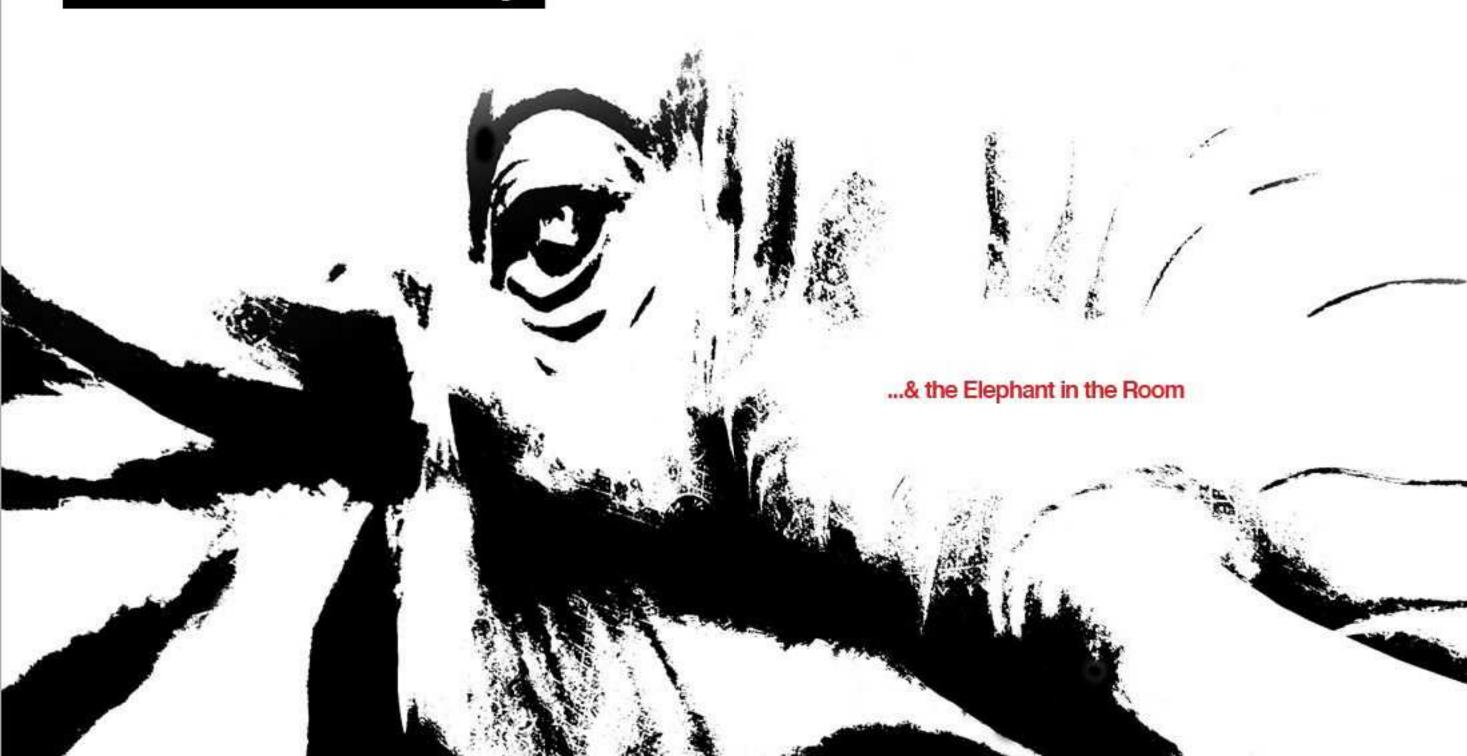


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### **Business & Economy**



### The Root-Cause of Cartel Capitalism: How Corporate Law Inhibits Social Responsibility

A Corporate Attorney Proposes a Practical & Painless Solution 'Code for Corporate Citizenship' in State Law,

by Robert Hinkley

After 23 years as a corporate securities attorney-advising large corporations on securities offerings and mergers and acquisitions-I left my position as partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom because I was disturbed by the game. I realized that the many social ills created by corporations stem directly from corporate law. It dawned on me that the law, in its current form, actually inhibits executives and corporations from being socially responsible. So in June 2000 I quit my job and decided to devote the next phase of my life to making people aware of this problem. My goal is to build consensus to change the law so it encourages good corporate citizenship, rather than inhibiting it.

The provision in the law I am talking about is the one that says the purpose of the corporation is simply to make money for shareholders. Every jurisdiction where corporations operate has its own law of corporate governance. But remarkably, the corporate design contained in hundreds of corporate laws throughout the world is nearly identical. That design creates a governing body to manage the corporationusually a board of directors-and dictates the duties of those directors. In short, the law creates corporate purpose. That purpose is to operate in the interests of shareholders. In Maine, where I live, this duty of directors is in Section 716 of the business corporation act, which reads:

...the directors and officers of a corporation shall exercise their powers and discharge their duties with a view to the interests of the corporation and of the shareholders....

Although the wording of this provision differs from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, its legal effect does not. This provision is the motive behind all corporate actions everywhere in the world. Distilled to its essence, it says that the people who run corporations have a legal duty to shareholders, and that duty is to make money. Failing this duty can leave directors and officers open to being sued by shareholders.

Section 716 dedicates the corporation to the pursuit of its own self-interest (and equates corporate self-interest with shareholder self-interest). No mention is made of responsibility to the public interest. Section 716 and its counterparts explain two things. First, they explain why corporations find social issues like human rights irrelevant—because they fall outside the corporation's legal mandate. Second, these provisions explain why executives behave differently than they might as individual citizens, because the law says their only obligation in business is to make money.

This design has the unfortunate side effect of largely eliminating personal responsibility. Because corporate law generally regulates corporations but not executives, it leads

They demand their subordinates "make the numbers," and pay little attention to how they do so. Directors and officers know their jobs, salaries, bonuses, and stock options depend on delivering profits for shareholders.

Companies believe their duty to the public interest consists of complying with the law. Obeying the law is simply a cost. Since it interferes with making money, it must be minimized—using devices like lobbying, legal hairsplitting, and jurisdiction shopping. Directors and officers give little thought to the fact that these activities may damage the public interest.

Lower-level employees know their livelihoods depend upon satisfying superiors' demands to make money. They have no incentive to offer ideas that would advance the public interest unless they increase profits. Projects that would serve the public interest—but at a financial cost to the corporation—are considered naive.

Corporate law thus casts ethical and social concerns as irrelevant, or as stumbling blocks to the corporation's fundamental mandate. That's the effect the law has inside the corporation. Outside the corporation the effect is more devastating. It is the law that leads corporations to actively disregard harm to all interests other than those of shareholders. When toxic chemicals are spilled, forests destroyed, employees left in poverty, or communities devastated through plant shutdowns. corporations view these as unimportant side effects outside their area of concern. But when the company's stock price dips, that's a disaster. The reason is that, in our legal framework, a low stock price leaves a company vulnerable to takeover or means the CEO's job could be at

In the end, the natural result is that corporate bottom line goes up, and the state of the public good goes down. This is called privatizing the

gain and externalizing the cost.

This system design helps explain why the war against corporate abuse is being lost, despite decades of effort by thousands of organizations. Until now, tactics used to confront corporations have focused on where and how much companies should be allowed to damage the public interest, rather than eliminating the reason they do it. When public interest groups protest a new power plant, mercury poisoning, or a new big box store, the groups don't examine the corporations' motives. They only seek to limit where damage is created (not in our back yard) and how much damage is created (a little less, please).

But the where-and-how-much approach is reactive, not proactive. Even when corporations are defeated in particular battles, they go on the next day, in other ways and other places, to pursue their own private interests at the expense of the public.

I believe the battle against corporate abuse should be conducted in a more holistic way. We must inquire why corporations behave as they do, and look for a way to change these underlying motives. Once we have arrived at a viable systemic solution, we should then dictate the terms of engagement to corporations, not let them dictate terms to us.

We must remember that corporations were invented to serve mankind. Mankind was not invented to serve corporations. Corporations in many ways have the rights of citizens, and those rights should be balanced by obligations to the public.

Many activists cast the fundamental issue as one of "corporate greed," but that's off the mark. Corporations are incapable of a human emotion like greed. They are artificial beings created by law. The real question is why corporations behave as if they are greedy.

The answer is the design of Read More



#### Maxed Out (Documentary)

by Ann Hornaday maxedoutbuzz.com

"Maxed Out," a film about the consumer debt crisis, might as well be ripped from the headlines, in light of last week's stock market plunge (blamed in part on too many mortgages sold to high-risk home buyers). But here's the man-bites-dog part: This factoid-filled, talking-heads documentary -- by a business school graduate -- turns out to be amusing. And enlightening. And positively riveting.



#### FRONTLINE:

#### The Secret History of the Credit Card

In "Secret History of the Credit Card," FRONTLINE investigates an industry few Americans fully understand. In this one-hour report, correspondent Lowell Bergman uncovers the techniques used by the industry to earn record profits and get consumers to take on more debt. "The almost magical convenience of plastic money is critical to our famously compulsive consumer economy," Bergman says. "With more than 641 million credit cards in circulation and accounting for an estimated \$1.5 trillion of consumer spending, the U.S. economy has clearly gone plastic."



### Life and Debt: Globalization and Jamaica

Utilizing excerpts from the award-winning non-fiction text "A Small Place" by Jamaica Kincaid, Life & Debt is a woven tapestry of sequences focusing on the stories of individual Jamaicans whose strategies for survival and parameters of day-to-day existence are determined by the U.S. and other foreign economic agendas. By combining traditional documentary telling with a stylized narrative framework, the complexity of international lending, structural adjustment policies and free trade will be understood in the context of the day-to-day realities of the people whose lives they impact.

### American Drug War ★★★★



FOUR STARS (Highest Rating). A mind-altering. experience. This is an exceedingly important documentary. It makes a clear case for why the so-called 'war on drugs' has been -- and will continue to be - such a colossal failure. We have spent billions upon billions of dollars trying to prevent the influx of substances so many Americans demand to have, and the availability of illicit drugs is at an all-time high.

This 'war on drugs' is one of the worst examples of our government's embarrassing closemindedness and immaturity, not to mention lack of sophistication, bravery, and foresight.

The film depicts the hypocrisy of this failed policy: marijuana and cocaine are illegal. yet alcohol and tobacco are perfectly legal, these latter two substances having caused more damage and ruination than any other substances to which our government has given its stamp of approval.

And speaking of hypocrisy, the film also chronicles the Iran Contra scandal, our government's sickening, morally debauched effort to actually facilitate the introduction of illegal drugs into society, utilizing the profits to finance a wholly illegal military operation.

While Booth guite understandably argues that this 'war' is a ludicrous waste, he is open-minded and intellectually honest enough to show the devastation that drugs (mostly of the legal variety) have

wreaked upon close friends and members of his family. So, in the end, he presents a wideranging, multi-faceted look at the problem: Yes, drugs destroy lives, but this 'war' has proven to be a meaningless and ill-conceived solution. There's so much to consider here, and Kevin Booth has done an outstanding job of providing the appropriate fodder fo contemplation and, hopefully, political action. - Todd David Schwartz. Contributing Arts

& Entertainment Critic, The Paul

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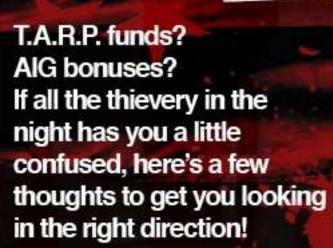
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### What's Up with the Bailouts?







### Glass-Steagal Repealed?

The Glass-Steagall Act of 1933 established the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in the United States and included banking reforms, some of which were designed to control speculation. Some provisions such as Regulation Q, which allowed the Federal Reserve to regulate interest rates in savings accounts, were repealed by the Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980. Provisions that prohibit a bank holding company from owning other financial companies were repealed on November 12, 1999, by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

### In Layman's Terms, to quote Henry Makow, Ph.D:

citigroup

"The arrest of financier Bernard Madoff
Thursday for operating a "Ponzi scheme"
costing investors \$50 billion made the TV
network news. Curiously, a lawsuit the same
day against Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert
Rubin for defrauding Citibank shareholders
of more than \$122 billion, also described as a
"Ponzi scheme," got no airplay whatsoever.

As we shall see, Rubin, a Director of Citibank, profited from the shady practices that destroyed the financial system and sent the world's economies into a tailspin. Then, to repair the damage, he and his banker friends put the taxpayer on the hook for trillions.

Rubin didn't get the same publicity as Madoff

because of his close connection to Barack Obama.

Robert Rubin's son Jamie was Obama's main Wall Street fund raiser and is now one of his principal advisers. More significant, Obama's economic team consists of Rubin's proteges including Timothy Geithner, Treasury Secretary, Lawrence Summers, Senior Economic Adviser and Peter Orszag, Budget Director. The Times of London has already dubbed them the "Robert Rubin Memorial All Stars."

Clearly, the media don't want people to see that the candidate of "Change" chose the people responsible for this calamity to be his "economic team." While in the Clinton White House, Rubin, with Summers, helped tear down the regulatory walls between banks, brokerages and insurance companies and freed them to trade in unregulated and little-understood derivatives worth trillions of dollars.

(Continued)



#### Enter the Whistleblower...

Harry Markopolos testified before the House Financial subcommittee that his warnings in 2000 to the Securities and Exchange Commission about Bernie Madoff went unheeded. If you missed it, here are some highlights.

CLICK HERE to see the Memo

# Why did the SEC help to cover up the Ponzi Scheme?

Well, one can only look at the facts: 1) the SEC knew about the fraud YEARS ago, and chose to let it go on 2) it's not the only instance in which the SEC has failed to take action upon actionable whistleblower evidence.

Recently, the Wall Street Journal printed this: A New York woman who lost nearly \$2 million investing with Bernard Madoff has filed a claim against the Securities and Exchange Commission alleging the agency was negligent in failing to detect an alleged decades-long fraud.

The administrative claim for relief was filed with the SEC on Monday and is believed to be the first attempt by an investor to recover lost money from regulators. Phyllis Molchatsky, a 61-year-old retiree from Valley Cottage, N.Y., is seeking \$1.7 million in damages from the agency.

The SEC's "statutory purpose is to protect the public interest. We feel they fell down on the job in this instance," said Howard Elisofon, the lawyer representing Ms. Molchatsky and a former SEC enforcement attorney.

The SEC declined to comment.\*

### Chalk Talk: How They F\*cked Us:

TRAGEDY HOPE!

Ryan Dawson shares one of his infamous chalk-talks to show the audience how the Sub-Prime mortgages were used as weapons

of financial calamity; walking you through the fraud such that you can see it for what it is- and prevent it from happening again!

### **Understanding Money: Watch This Film!**

THE MONEY MASTERS is a 3 1/2 hour non-fiction, historical documentary that traces the origins of the political power structure. The modern political power structure has its roots in the hidden manipulation and accumulation of gold and other forms of money.

The success of the central banking scheme developed into a far-reaching plan described by President Clinton's mentor, Georgetown Professor Carroll Quigley, "to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole. This system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent meetings and conferences. The apex of the system was to be the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland, a private bank owned and controlled by the world's central banks which were themselves private corporations.

This film will teach you the fundamentals you need to make informed financial choices.





### Clinton Curtis: Election Fraud is REAL

Clinton Eugine Curtis testified in December 13, 2004, to writing a prototype program in October 2000, that could be used to fix elections. He was working for Yang Enterprises Inc (YEI).

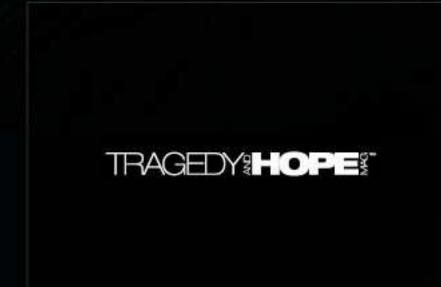
"it would flip the vote 51/49 for whoever you wanted it to go to, and whichever race you wanted to win"

Curtis testified, that he was asked by Florida Speaker of the House (at the time) Tom Feeney, to create software to "rig an election". (Tom Feeney is currently a united states congressman in Florida, gee i wonder how he got elected!) Under oath he says Mrs. Yang, co-owner of YEI, told him to hide the fraud in the source code, in order to "control the vote in south Florida". He explains how it could work a couple of different ways, activation could

> be automatic or make it so code exists and it could be triggered if necessary. It seems, if a district, or an issue doesn't seem to be tallying in your favor, the server could see the flag and the votes could then be flipped.

One congressman, asking questions at this hearing manages to summarize it all:

"one person putting in bad code in a central tabulation machine could \*affect ...tens of thousands of votes" ("of course affect means, change, nullify, destroy, disregard. strike, alter, distort, shift, throw away, invalidate our votes.)





### Sibel Edmunds:

### Kill the Messenger

Sibel Edmonds, the former FBI translator who has been under a Bush administration gag order for the past 5 years, has now begun to disclose some of the classified information she has been prohibited from revealing.

"A WHISTLEBLOWER has made a series of extraordinary claims about how corrupt government officials allowed Pakistan and other states to steal nuclear weapons secrets," reports Great Britain's Sunday Times in the lede of their front page exclusive, headlined

"For sale: West's deadly nuclear secrets."

In the article, just filed tonight, Edmonds reveals details overheard on wiretaps she translated during her time at the FBI, just after 9/11. Her

> disclosures to the Times reveal a maze of nuclear black market espionage involving U.S. Defense and State Department officials, that resulted in the sale and propagation of nuclear secrets to Turkish and Israeli interests. In turn, that information was then sold to Pakistan and used by A.Q. Kahn for development of nuclear weapons. The secrets were subsequently proliferated to Iran, Libya, North Korea, and potentially al-Qaeda's Osama bin Laden. just weeks prior to September 11th, 2001.



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What Is as Versatile As the Soybean But Illegal Anyway?

Hemp Plants Vield Marijuana But Guru Jack Herer Sees Lots of Commercial Uses

By Sevin L. Nazume

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Mr. Herer spent 17 years researching the uses of the florous stalks and oily weeds of the plant native to Asia, which histori cally has been used to produce fiber and pulp for comage, canwas and poper. It still is cuttinated legally in such constrain as it say and Yugoslavia. Mr. Herer has done means purporting to prove that the real reason the U.S. outlowed marquage in 1907 was that a new home-buryesting machine had so enhanced the plant's commercial cossibilities that it threatened the politically presented producers of wood pulp.

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#### Pot Guru Jack Herer Has New Reasons to Promote The Hemp Plant: Food, Fuel and Fashionable Attire

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noss Alliance for Commerce in Hemp. Between in Sup Prancisco scrawi "burn pet, not oil" graffit, over though the line has a widt of the We about it. And from Washington to Loc Angeles, activists hold "Home for Fuel" signs at raillen. Rentucky howyer Galewood Galetaith, a professed profit for per smoker, hopes to ride that runs on hemp-seed oil, to victory in this month's Rentucky Democratic gatermineral primary. He limit expected to

Country star Willie Nelson, before his recent "Homp Aid" ouncert for Mr. Galtracti in Louisville, remarked: "We is shame farmers can't grow hersp," He says he's concerned about the family farm.

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But Mr. Berer, calling himself a "hemp

sevent," in his book offers \$10,000 to easyone who can prove him wrong about Ost

#### Source of Financing

In the 1970s, Mr. Herer sold his Lot An geles sign-lighting maintenance business and opened and acquired two head shape. stores that set drug paraphermits. He used some of his profits to finance neversuccessful attempts in California and Ore got to legalize marriagns.

Mr. Herer, who says he amakes from justs a day, has protested marijuans laws by anoking grass outside the Los Angeles offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration. He and latter advocates murch by parades wearing tri-cornered hats and

playing the and dram to recall Colonial days when herry was freely grown. Some of Mr. Herer's friends defected along the way, but he has remained true to his cause. Take, for aptance, the matter of "Homp for Victory," a 1942 film produced by the Agriculture Department that urged patriotic farmers to callifoate being for warding (numeroking) ones. When the such files existed, Mr. Herer journeyed to Maximum and found as uncaphinged copyat the Library of Congress.

#### Reading Matter

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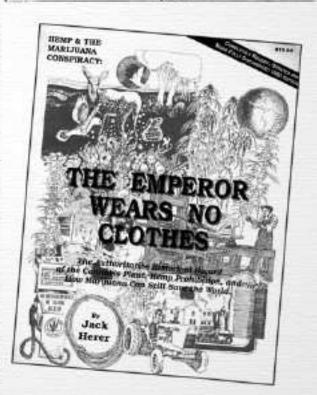
Mr. Herer has some authoritative backing when he talks up the medicinal benefits of marijanna, which have nothing to do with drug abuse. Concer specialists say that ferrally dransmeabled, the active in gretient of murijuans, can be beloful in trenting muses and in stimulating pa-tients' appetites. According to a survey reported this work in the Acrosis of Internal Medicine, nearly half of doctors polled said they would prescribe markeaus if it work legal. (There are nore legal exceptions.) Hemp Shirts

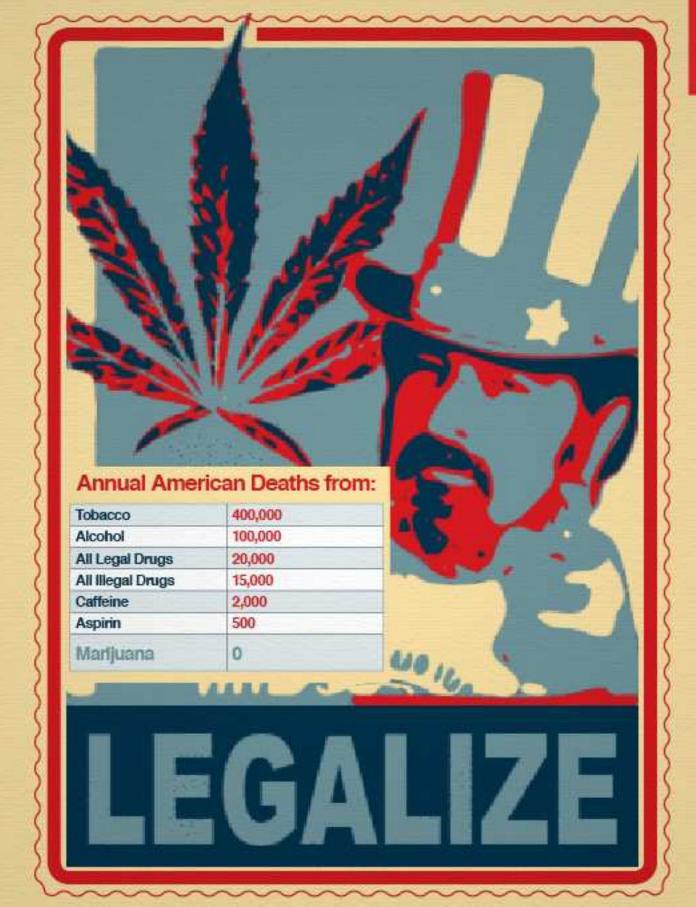
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the martinuous leaf lago prominently displayed, for customers who do or slow't wear their sentiments on their sleeves "Weap yourself up in marijuana legally. the company advertises.

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### The Emperor Wears No Clothes

By Jack Herer

### Chapter One

http://www.jackherer.com/chapter01.html

Overview of the History of Cannabis Hemp

For the Purpose of Clarity in this Book:

Explanations or documentations marked with an asterisk (\*) are listed at the end of the related paragraph(s). For brevity, other sources: for facts, anecdotes, histories, studies, etc., are cited in the body of the text. Numbered footnotes are at the end of each chapter. Reproductions of selected critical source materials are incorporated into the body of the text or included in the appendices.

The facts cited herein are generally verifiable in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, which was printed primarily on paper produced with cannabis hemp for over 150 years. However, any encyclopedia (no matter how old) or good dictionary will do for general verification purposes.

Cannabis Sativa L.: Also known as: Hemp, cannabis hemp, Indian (India) hemp, true hemp, muggles, weed, pot, spinach, marijuana, reefer, grass, ganja, bhang, the kind, dagga, herb, etc., all names for exactly the same plant!

#### What's in a Name?

(U.S. Geography)

HEMPstead, Long Island; HEMPstead County, Arkansas; HEMPstead, Texas; HEMPhill, North Carolina, HEMPfield, Pennsylvania, among

others, were named after cannabis growing regions, or after family names derived from hemp growing.

#### American Historical Notes

In 1619, America's first marijuana law was enacted at Jamestown Colony, Virginia, "ordering" all farmers to "make tryal of "(grow) Indian hempseed. More mandatory (mustgrow) hemp cultivation laws were enacted in Massachusetts in 1631. in Connecticut in 1632 and in the Chesapeake Colonies into the mid-1700s.

Even in England, the much-sought-after prize of full British citizenship was bestowed by a decree of the crown on foreigners who would grow cannabis, and fines were often levied against those who refused.

Cannabis hemp was legal tender (money) in most of the Americas from 1631 until the early 1800s. Why? To encourage American farmers to grow more.

You could pay your taxes with cannabis hemp throughout America for over 200 years.

You could even be jailed in America for not growing cannabis during several periods of shortage, e.g., in Virginia between 1763 and 1767. (Herndon, G.M., Hemp in Colonial Virginia, 1963; The Chesapeake Colonies, 1954; L.A. Times, August 12, 1981; et al.)

George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew cannabis on their plantations. Jefferson, while envoy to France, went to The Authoritative Historical Record of CANNABIS and the CONSPIRACY AGAINST MARIJUANA

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great expense, and even considerable risk to himself and his secret agents, to procure particularly good hempseeds smuggled illegally into Turkey from China. The Chinese Mandarins (political rulers) so valued their hemp seed that they made its exportation a capital offense.

"Ma" was the earliest name for hemp. By the 10th century, A.D., Ma term for fibers of all for hemp had become "Tai-ma" or "Dai-ma" meaning "great hemp."

The Chinese character had become the generic kinds, including jute and ramie. By then, the word

The United States Census of 1850 counted 8,327 hemp "plantations" (minimum 2,000-acre farms) growing cannabis hemp for cloth, canvas and even the cordage used for baling cotton. Most of these plantations were located in the South or in the Border States, primarily because of the cheap slave labor available prior to 1865 for the labor-intensive hemp industry.

(U.S. Census, 1850; Allen, James Lane, The Reign of Law, A Tale of the Kentucky Hemp Fields, MacMillan Co., NY, 1900; Roffman, Roger, Ph.D., Marijuana as Medicine, Mendrone Books, WA, 1982.) \*This figure does not include the tens of thousands of smaller farms growing cannabis, nor the hundreds of thousands if not millions of family hemp patches in America; nor does it take into account that well into this century 80% of America's hemp consumption for 200 years still had to be imported from Russia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, etc..

Benjamin Franklin started one of America's first paper mills with cannabis. This allowed America to have a free colonial press without having to beg or justify the need for paper and books from England.

In addition, various marijuana and hashish extracts were the first, second or third most-prescribed medicines in the United States from 1842 until the 1890s, Its medicinal use continued legally through the 1930s for humans and figured even



more prominently in American and world veterinary medicines during this time.

Cannabis extract medicines were produced by Eli Lilly, Parke-Davis, Tildens, Brothers Smith (Smith Brothers), Squibb and many other American and European companies and apothecaries. During all this time there was not one reported death from cannabis extract medicines, and virtually no abuse or mental disorders reported, except

for first-time or novice-users

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A MERICAN farmers are promised a new cash crop with an annual value of several hundred million dollars, all because a machine has been invented which solves a problem more than 6,000 years old. It is hemp, a crop that will not compete with other American products. Instead, it will displace imports of raw material and manufactured products produced by underpaid coolie and peasant labor and it will provide thousands of jobs for American

workers throughout the land. The machine which makes this possible is designed for removing the fiber-bearing cortex from the rest of the stalk, making hemp fiber available for use without a prohibitive amount of human labor.

Hemp is the standard fiber

after the fiber has been removed contain more than seventy-seven per cent cellulose, and can be used to produce more than 25,000 products, ranging from dynamite to Cellophane.

Machines now in service in Texas, Illinois, Minnesota and other states are producing fiber at a manufacturing cost of half a cent a pound, and are finding a profitable market for the rest of the stalk. Machine operators are making a good profit in com-



petition with coolie-produced foreign fiber while paying farmers fifteen dollars a ton for hemp as it comes from the field.

From the farmers' point of view, hemp is an easy crop to grow and will yield from three to six tons per acre on any land that will grow corn, wheat, or oats. It has a short growing season, so that it can be planted after other crops are in. It can be grown in any state of the union. The long roots penetrate and break the soil to leave it in perfect condition for the next year's crop. The dense shock of leaves, eight to twelve feet above the ground, chokes out weeds. Two successive crops are enough to reclaim land that has been abandoned because of Canadian thistles or quack grass.

Under old methods, hemp (Continued to page 144A)



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#### New Billion-Dollar Crop (Continued from page 230)

was cut and allowed to lie in the fields for weeks until it "retted" enough so the fibers could be pulled off by hand. Retting is simply rotting as a result of dew, rain and bacterial action. Machines were developed to separate the fibers mechanically after retting was complete, but the cost was high, the loss of fiber great, and the quality of fiber comparatively low. With the new machine, known as a decorticator, hemp is cut with a slightly modified grain binder. It is delivered to the machine where an automatic chain conveyor feeds it to the breaking arms at the rate of two or three tons per hour. The hurds are broken into fine pieces which drop into the hopper, from where they are delivered by blower to a baler or to truck or freight car for loose shipment. The fiber comes from the other end of the machine, ready for baling.

From this point on almost anything can happen. The raw fiber can be used to produce strong twine or rope, woven into burlap, used for carpet warp or linoleum backing or it may be bleached and refined. with resinous by-products of high commercial value. It can, in fact, be used to replace the foreign fibers which now flood our markets.

Thousands of tons of hemp hurds are used every year by one large powder company for the manufacture of dynamite and TNT. A large paper company, which has been paying more than a million dollars a year in duties on foreign-made cigarette papers, now is manufacturing these papers from American hemp grown in Minnesota. A new factory in Illinois is producing fine bond papers from hemp. The natural materials in hemp make it an economical source of pulp for any grade of paper manufactured, and the high percentage of alpha cellulose promises an unlimited supply of raw material for the thousands of cellulose products our chemists have developed.

who receive only four cents a day. Binder twine is usually made from sisal which comes from Yucatan and East Africa.

All of these products, now imported, can be produced from home-grown hemp. Fish nets, bow strings, canvas, strong rope, overalls, damask tablecloths, fine linen garments, towels, bed linen and thousands of other everyday items can be grown on American farms. Our imports of foreign fabrics and fibers average about \$200,000,-000 per year; in raw fibers alone we imported over \$50,000,000 in the first six months of 1937. All of this income can be made available for Americans.

The paper industry offers even greater possibilities. As an industry it amounts to over \$1,000,000,000 a year, and of that eighty per cent is imported. But hemp will produce every grade of paper, and government figures estimate that 10,000 acres devoted to hemp will produce as much paper as 40,000 acres of average pulp land.

One obstacle in the onward march of hemp is the reluctance of farmers to try new crops. The problem is complicated by the need for proper equipment a reasonable distance from the farm. The machine cannot be operated profitably unless there is enough acreage within driving range and farmers cannot find a profitable market unless there is machinery to handle the crop. Another obstacle is that the blossom of the female hemp plant contains marijuana, a narcotic, and it is impossible to grow hemp without producing the blossom. Federal regulations now being drawn up require registration of hemp growers, and tentative proposals for preventing narcotic production are rather stringent.

However, the connection of hemp as a crop and marijuana seems to be exaggerated. The drug is usually produced from wild hemp or locoweed which can be found on vacant lots and along railroad tracks in every state. If federal regulations can be drawn to protect the public without preventing the legitiments culture of home

### The Relevance of Twainian Observation

### Jay Gould VS Mark Twain

Jay Gould (1836-1892) was an American Financier and railroad devoloper/speculator; whose better-known colleagues included Andrew Carnegie, J.D. Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan. Although he was vilified as a robber baron, many of today's financiers practice the philosophy of Jay Gould.

Gould was quoted as once stating:

"The effect of this policy will be to annihilate the Indians & so greatly benefit us." (Jay Gould)

Clearly, he was someone whose ego led him to believe that he was separate from the rest of us; as this quote demonstrates:

"I can hire one half of the working class to kill the other half." (Jay Gould)

> In the volatile economic markets of today, with thousands of wannabe Jay Goulds at the helm of unbankruptable banks; we thought that it might be a great time to consider the teachings of Jay Gould upon the world population.

You won't find a much more honest. insightful, succinct, and holistic articulation of the gravity exhibited by Jay Gould upon the world; such that his philosophy of business could still be felt to this day.

"Jay Gould was the mightiest disaster which has ever befallen this country. The people had desired money before his day, but he taught them to fall down and worship it. They had respected men of means before his day, but along with this respect was joined the respect due to the character and industry which had accumulated

But Jay Gould taught the entire nation to make a god of the money and the man, no matter how the money might have been acquired...

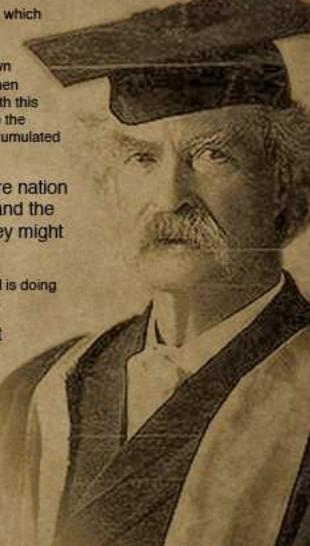
...The gospel left behind by Jay Gould is doing giant work in our days. It's message is

Get money. Get it quickly. Get it in abundance. Get it in prodigious abundance. Get it dishonestly if you can, honestly if you must."

-"The Teaching of Jay Gould"

Mark Twain in Eruption, February 16, 1906

If you're a Netflix subscriber, search: Mark Twain, though I heard somewhere he wrote books as well ()





# Freedom From Government

by Congressman Ron Paul

http://www.house.gov/paul/

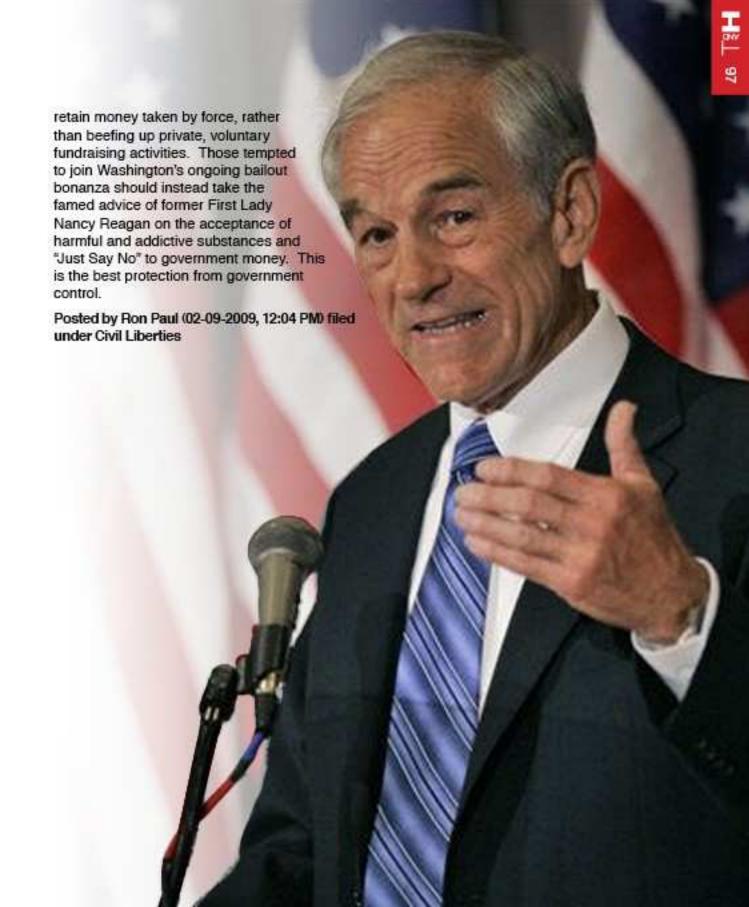
President Obama signed an executive order last week continuing the faith-based initiatives program created by former President Bush. When the program was created, I warned that giving taxpayer money to private religious organizations would eventually lead to political control and manipulation of them. This week has provided some evidence that this was a justified concern.

The logic behind funding faith-based initiatives seemed reasonable to some. Private organizations are much more effective in charitable endeavors than government programs and bureaucracies. Therefore, why not "outsource" some of the government's welfare-state activities to these worthy organizations? This appealed to many conservatives, especially after the follow-up executive order exempting recipients from discriminatory hiring laws, which assured many that taking federal funds would not jeopardize their control over their own operations. But beware the government program started under an administration you like, for it may look a lot different under the one you don't. Exemptions that Bush gave. Obama can take away.

But now, dependencies on federal money have been set, operations have been expanded accordingly, and many charities are waiting breathlessly for the administration to tell them what new conditions they will have to meet. With the stroke of a pen, religious charities might not be able to take into consideration a job applicant's faith, sexual orientation or lifestyle if they wish to remain eligible for that taxpayer money that was so enticing a few years ago. Similarly, if FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) is passed, will Catholic Church hospitals be forced to offer abortion services to retain their federal funding? Can they remain solvent without it?

This is the major problem with basing a private business model on the receipt of government funds. This money does not come without control, or the future possibility of control. We are seeing parallel control grabs in industries that have recently been the recipients of taxpayer largess. Government officials are now discussing executive compensation on Wall Street, banking, and in the auto industry. How much is too much to pay someone? When is a bonus deserved? But because politicians have bought their way into these industries, these are now political decisions. It is easy to utilize class envy to whip up public support for these interventions, but government always slides down the slippery slope. Politicians are also discussing other aspects of these businesses in which they are not expert, such as, what should lending standards be? What sort of cars should we direct the auto industry to make? Once government money infiltrates a balance sheet, "taxpayers" meaning "politicians" have a say in how you operate.

Money is the Trojan horse that government uses to infiltrate and infect organizations. Funding that, on the outset, is designed to strengthen and support, will bureaucratize and regulate in the end. It is sad to see charities now having reason to focus on lobbying, regulatory compliance and paper pushing to get and



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### The True Meaning of

# LIBERAL LEFTIST and

### CONSERVATIVE

By: Jan Irvin

"I believe in only one thing: liberty; but I do not believe in liberty enough to force it upon anyone." ~H.L. Mencken

derwritten or so-called 'liberal media', we hear how of all of America's problems can be blamed on the 'liberals.' For those of you who may not know, here are the true defini- 2 Webster's International (Unabridged) Dictions of 'liberal,' 'leftist,' and 'conservative.' These definitions are certainly not what most of you currently understand when referring (3) Hurst's new Nuttall's Dictionary of the to liberals

nitions of the word 'liberal' via several dictionaries at my disposal. I will use multiple 5 Oxford English Dictionary Second Edition dictionaries so there will be no confusion as to the so-called 'OLD,' and 'NEW' definitions are:

- Everyday in the mainstream, corporate un- Mebster's An American Dictionary of the English Language, 1853 - 1st publication
  - tionary of the English Language 1893 -1st publication 1890
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- First I will present a 150-year history of defi- 4 Webster's 9th New Collegiate Dictionary 1983-1990
  - 1989
- of the word liberal. The dictionaries I will use 6 Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language, 1996

Following the breakdown of the word 'liberal', I will break down the words 'leftist' and 'conservative,' going over what they mean in the political sense today. Finally, I will discuss how these political terms have been used and what that means to you.

### Is 'Liberal' a dirty word?

Webster's An American Dictionary of the English Language, 1853

(containing the whole vocabulary of the 1st edition of 1828)

Liberal

LIB'ER-AL, a. [Fr., from L. liberalis, from liber, free, see Libel.]

1. Of a FREE heart; FREE to give or bestow; not close or contracted; munificent; bountiful; generous; giving largely; as, a liberal donor; the liberal founders of a college or hospital. It expresses less than Profuse or Extravagant. 2. Generous; ample; large; as, a liberal donation; a liberal allowance. 3. Not selfish, narrow, or contracted; catholic; enlarged; embracing other interests than one's own; as, liberal sentiments or views; a liberal mind; liberal policy. 4. General: extensive: embracing literature and the sciences generally; as, a liberal education. This phrase is often, but not necessarily, synonymous with COLLEGIATE; as, a collegiate education. 5. FREE; open; candid; as, a liberal communication of thoughts. 6. Large; profuse; as, a liberal discharge of matter by secretions or excretions. 7. FREE; not literal or strict; as, a liberal construction of law, 8, Not mean; not low in birth or mind. 9. Licentious; FREE to excess. Shak. Liberal arts, as distinguished from mechanical arts, are such as depend more on the exertion of the mind than on the labor of the hands, and regard amusement, curiosity,

or intellectual improvement, rather than the necessity of subsistence, or manual skill. Such are grammar, rhetoric, painting, sculpture, architecture, music, &c. Liberal has of before the thing bestowed, and to before the person or object on which anything is bestowed; as, to be liberal of praise or censure; liberal to the poor.

LIB'ER-AL, n. One who advocates greater freedom from restraint, especially in political institutions.

Webster's International (Unabridged) Dictionary of the English Language, 1893

(comprising the issues of 1864, 1879, and 1884)

Liberal

Lib'er'al (lib'er-al), a. [F. liberal, L. liberalis, from liber FREE; perh. akin to libet, lubet, it pleases, E. lief. Cf. Deliver.] 1. FREE by birth; hence, befitting a FREEman or gentleman; refined; noble; independent; FREE; not servile or mean; as, a liberal ancestry; a liberal spirit; liberal arts or studies. "Liberal education." Macaulay. "A liberal tongue," Shak 2. Bestowing in a large and noble way, as a FREEman; generous; bounteous; open-handed; as, a liberal giver. "Liberal of praise." Bacon. Infinitely good, and of his good. As liberal and FREE as infinite. Milton 3. Bestowed in large way; hence, more than sufficient; abundant; bountiful; ample; profuse; as, a liberal gift; a liberal discharge of matter or of water. 4. Not strict or rigorous: not confined or restricted to the literal sense; FREE; as, a liberal translation of a classic, or a liberal construction of law or of language. Not narrow or contracted in mind; not selfish; enlarged in spirit; catholic. 6. FREE to excess; regardless of law or moral restraint; licentious. "Most like a liberal villain." 7. Not bound by orthodox tenets or established forms in political or religious philosophy; independent in opinion; not conservative; friendly to great FREEdom in the constitution

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Responsible adults don't cry over it, they recognize the problem; and they take action to clean it up.

## Crime & Punishment

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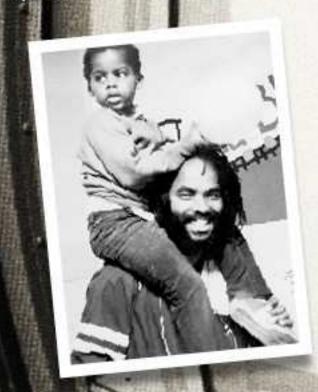
### Will Obama Free Mumia?

## In Prison My Whole Life

A film by Marc Evans

William Francome is a fairly typical, white middleclass guy. Typical except for the fact that he is about to embark on a journey into the dark heart of the American judicial system; the tangled world of renowned Death Row prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal.

The connection between these two characters is a simple one, and the pretext for this film, as Will explains:



"I was born in London on December 9th 1981, Over 3000 miles away Mumia Abu-Jamal, a Black Panther and radical journalist, was arrested for the murder of a police officer in Philadelphia. He claimed he was innocent but was sentenced to death and has been awaiting execution ever since. Over the years, he has attracted massive international support from organisations like Amnesty International and world leaders like Nelson Mandela amongst others. I'm now 24 years old and in that time Mumia has become the most famous and controversial death row inmate in America".

Despite his situation, and against all odds, Mumia has managed to penetrate the consciousness of people like Will. Through his writings and his web and radio broadcasts from Death Row, he has become known to many as "the Voice of the Voiceless".

"In Prison My Whole Life" takes us to some surprising places and brings us into contact with some of America's most original minds. Never-seen-before footage and brand new evidence create a prevailing case for reasonable doubt while exploring the sociopolitical climate of America past and present. Angela Davis, Mos Def, Noam Chomsky, Alice Walker, Snoop Dogg, Steve Earle, Amy Goodman and many others take us through a decades-old struggle for equality, fairness and respect that so many Americans strive for to this day.

> Mumia's cause has created a political storm but after the politicians have said their piece, after the court papers have been

filed and the protestors have gone home, we are left with a film about a man – a father, a son, an inspiration and a pariah - who faces his twenty-fifth year on Death Row.

Extraordinary though Mumia's story is, he is only one of 3,350 people currently on death row in the TRAGEDY:HOPE:

United States. This film allows him not only to speak to us, but also on behalf of those others who cannot find a voice.

http://www.myspace.com/inprisonmywholelife



### Ron Paul to Bill Maher: America's War on Drugs MUST END



Congressman Ron Paul is the most conservative, grandfatherly man to ever be admired by America's marijuana enthusiasts. On Friday night's episode of HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, he reminded those who may have been suffering an impaired short-term memory at that late hour why, exactly, they should like him.

Speaking live from Clute, Texas, the libertarianleaning Republican did what few other members of Congress will and openly called for the United States' War on Drugs to be abolished.

"What about when FDR came to office in '33," asked Maher. "One of the first things he did was repeal prohibition. He said we can't afford this anymore. Well, we have prohibition in this country. ... When he was making radical changes he said look, we're serious now. We're going to make serious changes and people like liquor."

"Well, in this country, people like pot," said Maher to a wave of cheers and applause. "If we ended that prohibition, that would be a giant pooling of money."

"I don't like pot," said the congressman. "But I hate the drug war, so I would repeal all of prohibition. But, I wouldn't even bother taxing it. People have the right in a free country to make important decisions on their own lives. If they want to make mistakes, they can. They just can't come crawling to the government to get bailed out or taken care of if they get sick.

"I believe in freedom of choice in all that we do, as long as the individual never hurts anybody else. So that means I would get rid of all the federal laws. I would dispose with the drug war. We're spending tens, if not hundreds of billions of dollars on this, then we march into places like California, override state laws, arrest sick people and put them in prison."

"It makes no sense whatsoever," he insisted.

"Amen, stoner," joked Maher.

This video is from HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, broadcast Feb. 20, 2009.



SEC pummeled as Madoff

By Rachelle Younglai and Karey Wutkowski

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Harry

Markopolos, a former investment

manager who tried to warn U.S.

regulators about Bernard Madoff, joined

lawmakers in blasting the Securities and

Exchange Commission but said he was

Markopolos told a congressional hearing

in December and charged with a record-

shattering \$50-billion fraud.

on Wednesday that SEC staff were neither

willing nor able to uncover Madoff, arrested

Calling SEC staff "too slow, too young and

too undereducated," Markopolos said the

regulator was hindered by lawyers, did not

and was captive to the financial industry.

understand red flags, could not do the math

"They looked at the size of Madoff and he's

a big firm and we don't attack big firms," said

Markopolos, who became aware of Madoff

when the firm he worked for tried to pursue

the same kind of strategy Madoff did but

never got the same steady, strong returns.

forwarding more tips to the agency.

tipster testifies

### Inside the Bernard Madoff \$50 Billion Dollar Heist

Madoff's alleged \$50 billion fraud hits other investors

Reuters

By Jon Stempel and Christian Plumb

NEW YORK (Reuters) Investors scrambled to assess
potential losses from an
alleged \$50 billion fraud by
Bernard Madoff, a day after
the arrest of the prominent
Wall Street trader.

Prosecutors and regulators accused the 70-year-old former chairman of the Nasdaq Stock Market of masterminding a Ponzi scheme of epic proportions through his investment advisory business, which managed at least one hedge fund. Hundreds of people, investing with him through the firm's clients, entrusted Madoff with billions of dollars, industry experts said.

"Madoff's investors included

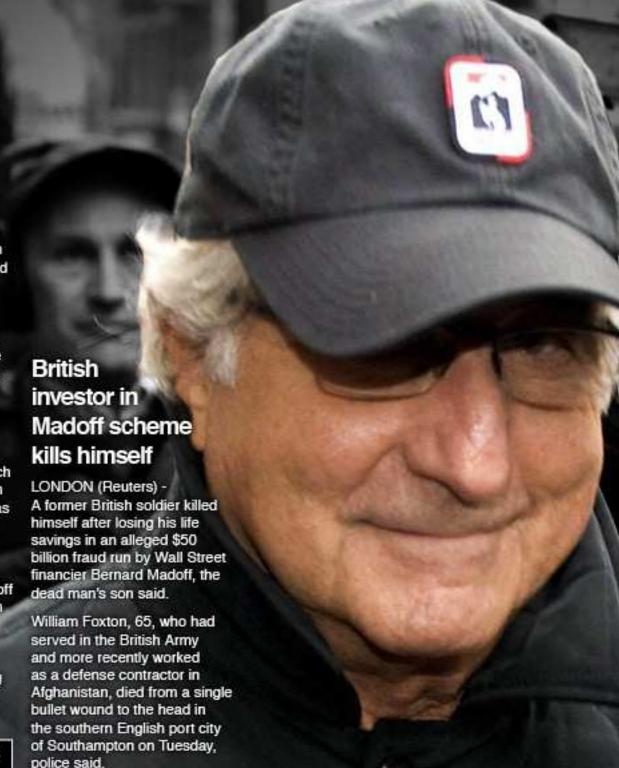
captains of industry,
corporations -- some of which
are publicly traded -- that used
Madoff almost as a highyielding cash management
account, endowments,
universities, foundations and,
importantly, many high-profile
funds of funds," said Douglas
Kass, who heads hedge
fund Seabreeze Partners
Management. read more ->

"It appears that at least \$15 billion of wealth, much of which was concentrated in Southern Florida and New York City, has gone to 'money heaven,™ he said.

A Ponzi scheme is an illegal investment vehicle that pays off old investors with money from new ones, and is dependent on a constant stream of new investment. Because the invested capital is not earning a sufficient return on its own, such schemes eventually collapse under their

own weight.

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### Why We're Against the War

by Iraq Veterans Against the War

#### www.IVAW.org

Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) was founded by Iraq war veterans in July 2004 at the annual convention of Veterans for Peace (VFP) in Boston to give a voice to the large number of active duty service people and veterans who are against this war, but are under various pressures to remain silent.

From its inception, IVAW has called for:

- Immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces in Iraq;
- \* Reparations for the human and structural damages Iraq has suffered, and stopping the corporate pillaging of Iraq so that their people can control their own lives and future; and
- \* Full benefits, adequate healthcare (including mental health), and other supports for returning servicemen and women.

Why we're against the war

Q: Why are veterans, active duty, and National Guard men and women opposed to the war in Iraq?

A: Here are 10 reasons we oppose this war:

1. The Iraq war is based on lies and deception.

The Bush Administration planned for an attack against Iraq before September 11th, 2001. They used the false pretense of an imminent nuclear, chemical and biological

weapons threat to deceive Congress into rationalizing this unnecessary conflict. They hide our casualties of war by banning the filming of our fallen's caskets when they arrive home, and when they refuse to allow the media into Walter Reed Hospital and other Veterans Administration facilities which are overflowing with maimed and traumatized veterans.

For further reading: www.motherjones.com/ bush\_war\_timeline/index.html

2. The Iraq war violates international law.

The United States assaulted and occupied Iraq without the consent of the UN Security Council. In doing so they violated the same body of laws they accused Iraq of breaching.

For further reading: http://www.yale.edu/ lawweb/avalon/imt/proc/imtconst.htm , http:// www.westpointgradsagainstthewar.org/

Corporate profiteering is driving the war in

From privately contracted soldiers and linguists to no-bid reconstruction contracts and multinational oil negotiations, those who benefit the most in this conflict are those who suffer the least. The United States has chosen a path that directly contradicts President Eisenhower's farewell warning regarding the military industrial complex. As long as those in power are not held accountable, they will continue...

For further reading: http://www. commondreams.org/headlines04/0714-01.htm . http://www.publicintegrity.org/wow/

 Overwhelming civilian casualties are a daily occurrence in Iraq.

Despite attempts in training and technological sophistication, large-scale civilian death is both a direct and indirect result of United States aggression in Iraq. Even the most conservative estimates of Iraqi civilian deaths number over 100,000. Currently over 100 civilians die every day in Baghdad alone.For further reading:

http://www.nomorevictims.org/

http://www.guardian.co.uk/lrag/ Story/0,2763,1338749,00.html

http://select.nytimes.com/gst/abstract.ht ml?res=F70A1EF73C5A0C758DDDA10894 DE404482

Soldiers have the right to refuse illegal war.

All in service to this country swear an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic. However, they are prosecuted if they object to serve in a war they see as illegal under our Constitution. As such, our brothers and sisters are paying the price for political incompetence, forced to fight in a war instead of having been sufficiently trained to carry out the task of nation-building.

For further reading:

http://thankyoult.live.radicaldesigns. org/content/view/172/, http://youtube.com/ watch?v=Qa6ZHYcG\_EM, http://youtube.com/ watch?v=1dAXQeH7y9g&mode=related&sear ch=

http://girightshotline.org

Service members are facing serious health consequences due to our Government's negligence.

Many of our troops have already been deployed to Iraq for two, three, and even four tours of duty averaging eleven months each. Combat stress, exhaustion, and bearing witness to the horrors of war contribute to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a serious set of symptoms that can lead to depression, illness, violent behavior, and even suicide. Additionally, depleted uranium, Lariam, insufficient body armor and infectious diseases are just a few of the health risks which accompany an immorally planned and incompetently executed war. Finally, upon a soldier's release, the Veterans Administration is far too under-funded to fully deal with the magnitude of veterans in need.



### War is a Racket!

By Maj Gen. Smedley Butler

Editors' Note: Imagine if we took General Butler's advice and in wartime forced corporations to join our soldiers in making sacrifices for their country. We could pass laws which guarantee that corporate profits decrease during war rather than increase. Do you think that wars would still drag on for years as in Vietnam and Iraq? Please help to make this a reality by sending this information to your friends and colleagues and contacting your government representatives.

Smedley Darlington Butler, nicknamed "The Fighting Quaker" and "Old Gimlet Eye," was a Major General in the U.S. Marine Corps and, at the time of his death, the most decorated Marine in U.S. history.

During his 34 years of Marine
Corps service, Butler was
awarded numerous medals for
heroism including the Marine
Corps Brevet Medal (the highest
Marine medal at its time for
officers), and subsequently the
Medal of Honor twice. Notably,
he is one of only 19 people to
be twice awarded the Medal of

Honor, and one of only three to be awarded a Marine Corps Brevet Medal and a Medal of Honor, and the only person to be awarded a Marine Corps Brevet Medal and a Medal of Honor for two different actions.

In addition to his military career, Smedley Butler was noted for his outspoken antiinterventionist views, and his book War is a Racket. His book was one of the first works describing the workings of the military-



industrial complex and after retiring from service, he became a popular speaker at meetings organized by veterans, pacifists and church groups in the 1930s.

In 1934, he informed the United States Congress that a group of wealthy industrialists had plotted a military coup known as the Business Plot to overthrow the government of

President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A speech delivered in 1933, by Major General Smedley Butler, USMC.

WAR is a racket. It always has been.

It is possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives.

A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people. Only a small "inside" group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many. Out of war a few people make huge fortunes.

In the World War [I] a mere handful garnered the profits of the conflict. At least 21,000 new millionaires and billionaires were made in the United States during the World War. That many admitted their huge blood gains in their income tax returns. How many other war millionaires falsified their tax returns no one knows.

How many
of these war
millionaires
shouldered a
rifle? How many
of them dug a
trench? How
many of them
knew what it meant

to go hungry in a rat-infested dugout? How many of them spent sleepless, frightened nights, ducking shells and shrapnel and machine gun bullets? How many of them parried a bayonet thrust of an enemy? How many of them were wounded or killed in battle?



Out of war nations acquire additional territory, if they are victorious. They just take it. This newly acquired territory promptly is exploited by the few – the selfsame few who wrung dollars out of blood in the war. The general public shoulders the bill.

#### And what is this bill?

This bill renders a horrible accounting. Newly placed gravestones. Mangled bodies. Shattered minds. Broken hearts and homes. Economic instability. Depression and all its attendant miseries. Back-breaking taxation for generations and generations.

For a great many years, as a soldier, I had a suspicion that war was a racket; not until I retired to civil life did I fully realize it. Now that I see the international war clouds gathering, as they are today, I must face it and speak out.

Again they are choosing sides. France and Russia met and agreed to stand side by side. Italy and Austria hurried to make a similar agreement. Poland and Germany cast sheep's eyes at each other, forgetting for the nonce [one unique occasion], their dispute over the Polish Corridor.

The assassination of

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# Iraq: US gov't, GM crops, Monsanto f— up - again!

#### Editor's Note:

I've just finished reading the following article, originally entitled, "Why Iragi Farmers Might Prefer Death to Paul Bremer's Order 81" and feel overwhelmingly "horrified" and sad. How can this be happening? What do we need to do to stop the insanity behind the destruction of our food system, our lives, and our world?

Order 81: http://www.cpa-iraq.org/ regulations/#Orders

By Nancy Scola/AlterNet

Anyone hearing about central India's ongoing epidemic of farmer suicides, where growers are killing themselves at a terrifying clip, has to be horrified. But among the more disturbed must be the once-grand poobah of post-invasion Iraq. U.S. diplomat L. Paul Bremer.

Why Bremer? Because Indian farmers are choosing death after finding themselves caught in a loop of crop failure and debt rooted in genetically modified and patented agriculture the same farming model that Bremer introduced to Iraq during his tenure as administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority, the American body that ruled the "new Iraq" in its chaotic early days.

In his 400 days of service as CPA administrator, Bremer issued a series of directives known collectively as the "100 Orders." Bremer's orders set up the building blocks of the new Iraq, and among them is Order 81\*, officially

titled Amendments to Patent, Industrial Design. Undisclosed Information, Integrated Circuits and Plant Variety Law, enacted by Bremer on April 26, 2004.

Order 81 generated very little press attention when it was issued. And what coverage it did spark tended to get the details wrong Reports claimed that what the United States man in Iraq had done was no less than tell each and every Iraqi farmer - growers who had been tilling the soil of Mesopotamia for thousands of years - that from here on out they could not reuse seeds from their fields or trade seeds with their neighbors, but instead they would be required to purchase all of their seeds from the likes of U.S. agriculture conglomerates like Monsanto.

That's not quite right. Order 81 wasn't that draconian, and it was not so clearly a colonial mandate. In fact, the edict was more or less a legal tweak.

What Order 81 did was to establish the strong intellectual property protections on seed and plant products that a company like the St. Louisbased Monsanto - purveyors of genetically modified (GM) seeds and other patented agricultural goods - requires before they'll set up shop in a new market like the new Iraq. With these new protections, Iraq was open for business. In short, Order 81 was Bremer's way of telling Monsanto that the same conditions had been created in Iraq that had led to the company's stunning successes in India.

In issuing Order 81, Bremer didn't order Iraqi

farmers to march over to the closest Monsantosupplied shop and stock up. But if Monsanto's experience in India is any guide, he didn't need

Here's the way it works in India. In the central region of Vidarbha, for example, Monsanto salesmen travel from village to village touting the tremendous, game-changing benefits of Bt cotton. Monsanto's genetically modified seed sold in India under the Bollgard® label. The salesmen tell farmers of the amazing yields other Vidarbha growers have enjoyed while using their products, plastering villages with posters detailing "True Stories of Farmers Who Have Sown Bt Cotton." Old-fashioned cotton seeds pale in comparison to Monsanto's patented wonder seeds, say the salesmen, as much as an average old steer is humbled by a fine Jersey cow.

Part of the trick to Bt cotton's remarkable promise, say the salesmen, is that Bollgard® was genetically engineered in the lab to contain bacillus thuringiensis, a bacterium that the company claims drastically reduces the need for pesticides. When pesticides are needed, Bt cotton plants are Roundup® Ready - a Monsanto designation meaning that the plants can be drowned in the company's signature herbicide, none the worse for wear. (Roundup® mercilessly kills nonengineered plants.)

Sounds great, right? The catch is that Bollgard® and Roundup® cost real money. And so Vidarbha's farmers, somewhat desperate to grow the anemic profit margin that comes with raising cotton in that dry and dusty region, have rushed to both banks and local moneylenders to secure the cash needed to get on board with Monsanto. Of a \$3,000 bank loan a Vidarbha farmer might take out, as much as half might go to purchasing a growing season's worth of Bt seeds.

And the same goes the next season, and the next season after that. In traditional agricultural farmers can recycle seeds from one harvest to plant the next, or swap seeds with their neighbors at little or no cost. But when it comes to engineered seeds like Bt cotton, Monsanto owns the tiny speck of intellectual property inside each hull, and thus controls the patent. And a farmer wishing to reuse seeds from a Monsanto plant must pay to relicense them from the company each and every growing season.

But farmers who chose to bet the farm. literally, on Bt cotton or other GM seeds aren't necessarily crazy or deluded. Genetically modified agricultural does hold the tremendous promise of leading to increased yields incredibly important for farmers feeding their families and communities from limited land and labor.

But when it comes to GM seeds, all's well when all is well. Farming is a gamble, and the flip side of the great potential reward that genetically modified seeds offer is, of course, great risk. When all goes badly, farmers who have sunk money into Monsanto-driven farming find themselves at the bottom of a far deeper hole than farmers who stuck with traditional growing. Farmers who suffer a failed harvest may find it nearly impossible to secure a new loan from either a bank or local moneylender. With no money to dig him or herself out, that hole only gets deeper.

And that hole is exactly where farmers have found themselves in India's Vidarbha region, where crop failure - especially the failure of Bt cotton crops - has reached the level of pandemic.

In may be that Bt cotton isn't well-suited to central India's rain-driven farming methods; Bollgard® Read More

### Kris Goldsmith, IVAW

Walking through a crowded shopping mall can bring back memories of war. The shifting crowds, the jostle of passers-by and the din can all trigger Army Sgt. Kristofer Goldsmith's post-traumatic stress disorder. "You get used to scanning what everybody's doing. Your brain just starts working so fast and it's purely instinctual because you want to know what everyone's intent is around you," said Goldsmith, who served four years in active duty.

"You want to know if anyone has the intent to harm you or the capabilities to harm you." That hyper-vigilance is one

### Adam Kokesh, IVAW

common symptom of post-traumatic stress disorder. PTSD, an anxiety disorder, can develop after a terrifying or life-threatening event, or a series of events causing extreme stress

It's a complex disorder that displays myriad symptoms. People may become more depressed, aggressive, or emotionally detached. For Goldsmith, the chest-tightening anxiety attacks and trouble sleeping he experienced after returning from Iraq in 2005 indicated he was

suffering from PTSD.

"With PTSD comes anxiety problems, depression problems ... I get flashes of rage, which goes hand in hand with alcoholism I've been fighting since I got back from Iraq," Goldsmith said.







Life & Death

### Thousands of Heroic 9/11 First Responders Will Likely Die an Early Death Because of a Deliberate Cover-Up by the Bush EPA

Bonnie Faulkner's 'Guns and Butter' audio KPFA 94.1 Berkeley

At Community Church in New York City on September 9, 2006, a group of 9/11first responders shared their experiences at ground zero and afterward.

"We were also killed on 9/11. Avenge us," pleads former National Guard sargeant, David Miller. "We came to your rescue on 9/11. Now thousands of us and our families need you to come to ours."Heroic first responders are dying of toxic exposure at Ground Zero. Now they are asking the 9/11 Truth movement to wake up the rest of the country to the real terrorists of 9/11: the US government, with the complicity of media giants. Miller notes of those Americans who refuse to look at the truth, "I know something about sheep. Sheep never conceive that the man who fills their grain bins, but without any afterthought, one day starts cutting throats...and everytime 'Popular Mechanics' calls the people of this movement 'nuts', these propagandists, professional liars and tools, who cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, be called journalists, strike another nail into the coffin of another rescue worker."

In closing, Miller quotes a hero of his, Edward R. Murrow: "We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. When the loyal opposition dies, I think the soul of America dies with it."

Major Mike McCormick, volunteer and civil air patrol pilot, begins by addressing the assembled 9/11 Truth activists, "As I look out in shit.

the audience I do not see audience participants but I see extended members of the 9/11 family McCormick notes of 9/11 first responders. "There are hundreds and thousands of people that are now sick." and he declares, "The majority of us believe in a higher authority, of the goodness of man. Unfortunately, the people that are in office are scoundrels and they look at God as gold, oil, and drugs." McCormick adds, "There is actually \$1 billion dollars in a fund for 9/11 responders.. Mayor Bloomberg has spent \$40 million of that \$1 billion dollars denying claims."

McCormick says further, "A month ago, I had gotten a report that was deemed "SECRET". It was the report from the Executive Office legal department to Christy Todd Whitman, advising her to downplay the severity of GroundZero... Now, Christy Todd Whitman, I'm happy to say, is going to have her day of reckoning... It is time for good Americans to take back this country... CIA, NSA., you name the acronym, I would say a good 80% of allagencies involved [in 9/11] are Manchurian candidates. These are the people sworn to protect the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and the only thing Homeland Security does is decimate the United States Constitution. The Homeland Security Department, the only thing that they don't take care of, is the country's patriots.... Every single responder, police, fire, EMS, every volunteer, they are the Minutemen. The only thing these responders didn't have is a country that gave a

McCormick quotes Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good. people to stand by idly and do nothing. Your participation here, today, shows me they will not get away with it...[Bush] cons people into joining the military ... he just changes the name of the mission from Enduring Freedom to Enduring Bullshit, or whatever it is ... " Of Christy Todd Whitman, McCormick observes, "It is sure as hell she's going to be convicted of crimes against humanity, treason, just to name a few. However, if Bush is behind the catbird seat, the only thing he's going to do is pardon her. That can't happen. We cannot let it happen." Medic and former Air Force Special Operations for Search and Rescue expert, Kevin McPadden, observes of Ground Zero. "There was so much radiant heat...that's not jet fuel that burns off 10 hours later, it's not any kindof incendiary... nothing was burning, no combustibles. This was chemicals, this was explosives." Mc Padden remembers taking a cigarette break after carrying three 250-pound women down 25 flights of stairs, when Mayor Bloomburg comes up to him and says. 'You know, you think you look cool with that cigarette in your mouth. But you look like a dirt bag." McCormick concludes, "This is a gross miscarriage of justice. And

the government and the state

has been taken over by these

are despicable. Our country

nasty corporate giants and

they seem to have given our

government HIV and us, in

white blood cells. We're the

ones holding it back. We're

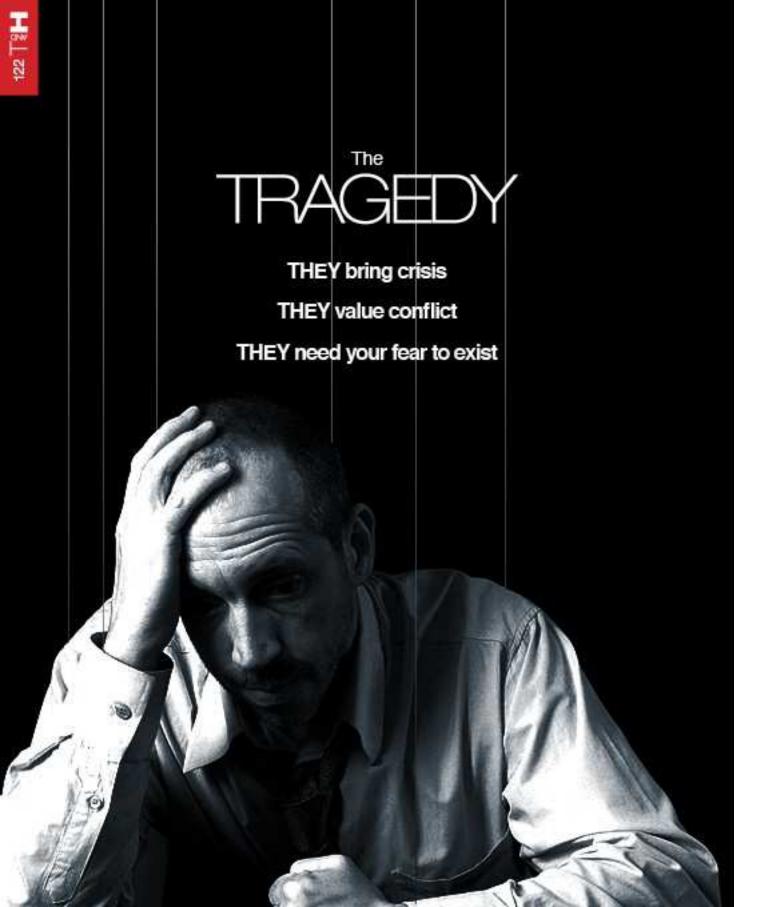
suffering from a bad infection."

the Truth movement, we're the

"New York Stories: 9/11 First Responders"

Toxic conditions at ground zero, on 9/11 and long afterward, have had devastating physical and psychological effects on a category of persons known as "first responders". These are the people that showed up, some within minutes, some from across the country, and stayed for weeks and even months. At Community Church in New York City on September 9, 2006, a group of 9/11 first responders shared their experiences at ground zero and afterward. Though they were touted as heroes, they have been treated like poor servants. Presentations by National Guardsman, David Miller; former New York City police officer, Craig Bartmer; volunteer and civil air patrol pilot, Major Mike McCormick; and former Air Force Special Operations for Search and Rescue, Kevin McPadden.





# HOPE

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### **Big Pharma Gone Wild**

By Martha Rosenberg, AlterNet

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The e-mail did not beat around the bush.

"The rationale of this center," Christine Cote, vice president of Janssen's Medical Affairs, wrote about the planned MGH-Johnson & Johnson Center for the Study of Pediatric Psychopathology at Massachusetts General Hospital, "is to generate and disseminate data supporting the use of risperidone in this patient population."

#### Okaaaaay.

But even as postmortems are performed on the unholy alliance between Massachusetts General Hospital and Johnson & Johnson, which surfaced last year, the drug giant is at it again.

In January, Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V., a unit of Johnson & Johnson, announced it was funding a research venture at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., to discover "novel drugs for the treatment of schizophrenia," to be led by Jeffrey Conn, former head of Merck's department of neuroscience.

Of course you can't blame J&J for seeking new academic stomping grounds. Its chief academic cheerleader, Harvard child psychiatrist Joseph Biederman, who headed its center at Mass Gen, has been benched for apparent psychopathology-for-pay schemes under which he increased the diagnosis of pediatric bipolar

disorder fortyfold.

Janssen is being sued by Texas, New Mexico and other states for hiding Risperdal dangers. marketing it for unapproved uses, ghostwriting, misleading doctors, falsifying science, kickback schemes and wholesale Medicaid fraud.

### And -- Risperdal's U.S. patent expired in 2008!

Risperdal (risperidone), an atypical antipsychotic, may have contributed to the deaths of 31 children since its 1993 approval according to the New York Times -- including 11 treated for unapproved uses. It may have squandered millions of tax dollars, but it is a branding success story.

How else do you explain a drug for schizophrenia (1 percent of the population). bipolar disorder (2.5 percent) and autism-related irritability in children 5 to 16 years old (less than 1 percent of kids) becoming the seventh bestselling pharmaceutical in the world in 2007?

Of course, some of Risperdal's success came from the award-winning "Living Nightmares" campaign by London ad agency Junction 11, which used Welsh artist Mark Moran's evocative oil paintings "Dog-Woman," "Witches," "Rotting Flesh and Boiling Rain" -- get it? -- based on case histories to "own the relapse/prevention space" as art director John Timney put it.

And don't forget the "Prescribe Early" campaign by ad agency Torre Lazur McCann, which

used a macabre abandoned wallet, teddy bear and keys on a barren street to "to reposition a drug that was being used too late to achieve its maximum benefits" -- look what happens when you wait! - according to Pharma Times magazine.

Nor did the continuing-medical-education courses like "Individualizing ADHD Pharmacotherapy with Disruptive Behavioral Disorders" taught by the J&J-funded Robert L. Findling and referring to Risperdal/risperdone 13 times hurt. Credit was available until 2009.

But most of Risperdal's success comes from the unsung doctors -- you know who you are -- who extolled the drug for unapproved use in pediatric bipolar disorder, ADHD, depression, "agitated, expansive, grandiose" "psychopathologies" [per Biederman], Alzheimer's, jealousy, "oppositional" disorder, borderline states, assorted neurological diseases, sleep and mood disorders and whatever else would stick to the wall.

Like the doctors who upheld the "long-term safety and effectiveness of risperidone for severe disruptive behaviors in children," on the basis of a one-year study in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in 2005. Hello?

How else could a drug known to cause diabetes, obesity, breasts in men, lactation in women and the very tardive dyskinesia it was supposed to prevent be a first-choice drug in state formularies and on Medicaid protocols? Given to children?

How did it become a preferred

nursing home treatment despite a warning label that says it increases death in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis? Bruce Bowman, a resident of Taylor Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rhinelander, Wis., died last June after being put on Risperdal, reports the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Nor did the FDA's why-hold-up-a-drug-justbecause-it's-dangerous attitude hurt. In 2007, it approved Risperdal for adolescents 13-17 with schizophrenia, and children and adolescents 10-17 with "short-term treatment of bipolar mania associated with manic or mixed episodes of bipolar I disorder" on the basis of two six- to eight-week studies. Barely long enough to need validated parking.

In fact, the FDA was surprised when a panel of drug experts in November unanimously rejected out of hand its routine safety monitoring for Risperdal and related drugs for children.

"I'm a little puzzled about the statement that the label is

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## Why Am I So Tired?

By Dr. Frank Aieta, N.D.

"Why am I so tired?" This is a question I hear almost daily in my practice from patients. Fatigue is probably the number one complaint amongst most new patients that I see.

Almost all of these patients will present with the same complaint, "Doc, no matter how much sleep I get at night I still feel tired in the morning." Or "the worst time of the day for me is around 2 or 3 in the afternoon, I could just fall asleep right on my desk."

Accompanying this fatigue in most of these patients is a lack of motivation and depression; they have no energy to do anything and many rely heavily on caffeine or other stimulants just to make it through the day. Many of these patients have been to numerous doctors with the most common answer being, "Oh, you must be depressed, take this antidepressant and you'll feel fine." Some patients may present to

my office already on an antidepressant, feeling even more tired.

If they are not depressed than what is wrong with these people? Most of these patients are suffering from a condition called adrenal insufficiency (low adrenal function). This condition is rarely recognized by conventional medical doctors because it can have numerous causes and is diagnosed mainly through the patient's signs and symptoms and not by any specific test. Also the treatment is not through the use of drugs or surgery but is best treated with a change of diet, lifestyle and through the use of nutritional supplements and herbs. To understand this condition we must first discuss what the adrenal glands are and their function in the body.

The adrenals are small glands that sit on top of the kidneys and their role in the body is

very important. These powerful little glands manufacture and secrete steroid hormones such as cortisol, estrogen and testosterone that are essential to your health and vitality. They not only significantly affect the functioning of every tissue, organ and gland in your body; they also have important effects on the way you think and feel. Actually, without the hormones the adrenals produce you would die.

Adrenal insufficiency is produced when your adrenal glands cannot adequately meet the demands of stress. The adrenal glands enable your body to respond to every kind of stress (whether it's physical, emotional or psychological) through these hormones that regulate energy production and storage, heart rate, blood sugar balance, muscle tone, and other processes that enable you to cope with the stress.

Stress can come in the form of an emotional crisis such as the death of a loved one, a physical crisis such as major surgery, or any type of severe repeated or constant stress in your life, your adrenals have to respond. If they don't, or if their response is weak, you will experience some degree of adrenal insufficiency and fatigue.

In adrenal insufficiency, your adrenal glands function, but not enough to maintain your normal, healthy homeostasis. Their output of hormones has been diminished by overstimulation. This over-stimulation can be caused either by a very intense single stress or by chronic or repeated stresses that have a cumulative effect.

When a person's adrenal glands have a low reserve, they are unable to make adequate amounts

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#### Creating A Peaceful World:

### **How Much** Does Food Matter?

By Will Tuttle, Ph.D.

We live today in a world where people seem to yearn increasingly for world peace, but many wonder if it is actually attainable. The media is filled with reports of human violence, and most governments, including our own, are willing to rationalize violence and inequity. How do we build an authentic foundation for peace, justice, and sustainability? Is it

unrecognized social, psychological and spiritual consequences to our meals that ripple through all aspects of our lives.

Food is actually our most intimate and telling connection both with the natural order and with our living cultural heritage. Through eating the plants and animals of this earth we literally incorporate them, and it is also through this act of eating that we partake of our culture's values and paradigms at the most primal and unconscious levels.

By placing humans at the top the planet's food chain,

> has historically perpetuated a particular worldview that requires from its members a reduction of essential feelings and awareness - and it is this

culture

process of desensitization that we must understand if we are to comprehend the underlying causes of oppression, exploitation, and spiritual disconnectedness. When we practice eating for spiritual health and social harmony, we practice making certain essential connections that our culturally induced food rituals normally require us to block from awareness. This practice is an essential prerequisite for evolving to a state of consciousness where peace and freedom are possible.

We are in the midst of a profound cultural

transformation. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the old mythos underlying our culture is collapsing. We are realizing that its core assumptions are obsolete and, if followed further, will result not only in the ecological devastation of our planet's intricate and delicate systems, but in our self-destruction as well. A new mythos, affirming cooperation, freedom, peace, life, and unity, is struggling to be born to replace the old mythos based on competition, separateness, war, exclusion, and the idea that might makes right. Food is a critical key to this birth, because our food habits condition our mentality profoundly - and because meals are the primary way our culture replicates and promulgates its value system through us. Whether this birth of a new mythos and more evolved spirituality and consciousness is successful will depend on whether we can transform our understanding and practice of food.

One of the ways we may come to question our culture's pervading mythos: is through the

awakening of compassion in our hearts for the suffering of others. This is actually the dawning of veganism within us, which is, as Donald Watson, who coined the word in 1944 said, the urge to live in such a way as to minimize the cruelty we cause others. We begin to realize that our happiness and welfare are interconnected with the welfare of others. As compassion unfolds in us, we let go of the delusion that I can ever ultimately improve my welfare by harming someone else, and instead begin to yearn to be a force for blessing others and the world. Awakening from the old story that breeds domination, we see that the more we bless and help others, the

more joy and meaning we experience, and the more alive and in love we feel.

We see that our choice to eat foods sourced from nonhuman animals causes direct suffering and cruelty in many ways: to the animals who are confined and killed; to the wild animals who are trapped and killed as "pests" and whose habitats are devastated by destroying forests and ecosystems to graze animals and grow the vast amounts of grain necessary to feed them; to the hungry people who starve or suffer malnutrition because available grain is fed to fatten animals bound for the tables of wealthier societies and people; to the slaughterhouse and factory-farm workers who do the terrible work of confining and killing billions of resisting animals; to the ecosystems and wildlife devastated by pollution, global warming, and other effects of animal agriculture; to the future generations of all beings who will inherit an Earth that is ecologically devastated and culturally mired in war

Read More and oppression; and to the



even possible?

The key to answering these perplexing questions lies in comprehending the farreaching implications of our food choices and the worldview they both reflect and mandate. At first glance it may seem unlikely that such a potent key could be found in the pedestrian place that food appears to occupy in our culture, but if we look closely, we begin to realize that our shared cultural reality is profoundly affected by the attitudes, beliefs, and practices surrounding food. There are amazing

# CODEXAIMENTARIUS

### Codex Alimentarius **Background and History**

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#### Codex Alimentarius

"Codex Alimentarius," which refers to a set of strict regulations covering all aspects of food, is Latin for "food code" or "food regulations." This collection of food rules in Europe dates back to standards enacted between 1897 and 1911 by the Austro-Hungarian Empire. They were used as a legal reference by the courts, although the Codex Alimentarius itself had no legal standing.

Here is the USDA official site for Codex Alimentarius:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Codex\_Alimentarius/ index.asp

Modern Codex regulations are prepared by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (herein referred to as "Codex"), which works with the EU and UN in an attempt to regulate every aspect of food production, packaging, preparation, preservation, and presentation of food "from farm to fork." Codex also attempts to regulate supplemental nutrients. It even goes so far as to eliminate "organic produce" standards (through dilution)!

#### Codex's reach

Because the U.S. is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and because the WTO and other treaty agreements require the United States to adhere to Codex standards; any changes approved in Europe, and implemented in the EU-dominated Codex meetings, could subject the United States to WTO-enforced trade sanctions.

Codex will control:

- Vitamins, minerals and nutrients,
- Genetically modified organisms,
- Toxic residues.
- 4. Antibiotics, drugs, growth stimulants, and other hormones in food animals.
- 5. Organic foods, and
- Irradiation of food.

The plan is to suppress all beneficial, highpotency nutrients, and to allow only those and a few other vitamins and minerals that will be high-priced, low-dosage, and syntheticallymade by drug companies.

Codex regulations will become binding internationally. Any nation that has entered into trade agreements through the WTO and its adjunctive treaties will eventually be forced to adopt Codex standards.

All "new" types of food supplements will be banned unless tested and approved in a druglike manner. This is certain to be both time consuming and unnecessarily expensive. And, the validity of such tests is doubtful. A favorite ploy of drug and governmental authorities is to use such small doses of a supplement that tests do not show any noticeable value.

Codex standards are not based upon accepted scientific or research findings. Rather, the standards are developed in a political atmosphere, with seemingly obligatory EU and drug-cartel approval.

#### Organic foods

From the drug cartel's point of view, the primary advantage in getting rid of true organic food is that in the absence of quality food, people will become ill and buy more prescription drugs. As a lesser advantage, the farmers will buy more insecticides and chemical fertilizers. The standards and definitions of "organic food" will be changed. Under Codex, a farmer or rancher will be able to call his products "organic" when they are full of toxic poisons. Under Codex,

"organic food" may include as little as 70% organic contents, but this will not be noted on labels. (The other 30% can consist of poisons or contaminants.)

The new laws requiring genetically modified crops, pesticides, hormones and antibiotics in foods will be cost-prohibitive to people living in developing nations, and billions of people may die and/or sicken as a result of these policies.

Codex is not based on science or democracy

Unelected government officials, working in cooperation with vested industry and trade interests, make decisions that result in domestic and international standards, which in turn are to be enacted into law by the member states of the WTO. When the WTO was created, the enforcement mechanisms for Codex and other international standards were created. With this enforcement mechanism in place, an increased incentive therefore arose to hijack the original purpose of Codex (i.e., to provide clean and safe food for the planet with no international barriers to the movement of that food), instead promoting a restrictive governmental agenda of suppression of natural alternatives to pharmaceutical medicines.

#### Harm in harmonization

Through the process called

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### The Beautiful Truth:

### The World's Simplest Cure for Cancer

Garrett is a 15-year old boy living in the Alaskan wilderness with a menagerie of orphaned animals. Growing up close with nature has given him

a deep understanding of nutritional needs required by diet sensitive animals on the reserve. Unfortunately, the untimely and tragic death of his mother propelled him into a downward spiral and he risked flunking out of school. This led to his father's decision to home-school Garrett.

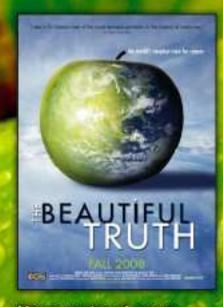
His first assignment was to study a controversial book written by Dr. Max Gerson.

Written over 50 years ago, Dr. Gerson found that diet could, and did, cure cancer. Controversial at the time (and even today).

Garrett took on the challenge of researching this amazing therapy, which drew the interest of his neighbors in the small Alaskan community.

With the help of Dr. Gerson's daughter, Charlotte Gerson, and grandson, Howard Strauss, they gave him the ammunition needed to go in search

for the truth - a truth that would affect not only him, but his entire Alaskan village - all of whom wanted to know if these claims were true.



After a number of cancer patients, who were diagnosed as terminal, shared their stories and their medical records with Garrett, it became

abundantly clear that, contrary to the disinformation campaign spear-headed by the multibillion dollar medical and pharmaceutical industry,

a cure for virtually all cancers and chronic diseases does exist - and has existed for over



80 years!

Garrett's mission now is to tell the world. You can view the trailer on the opposing page.

### THE GERSON THERAPY

The Gerson Therapy is a powerful, natural treatment that boosts your body's own immune system to heal cancer, arthritis, heart disease, allergies and many other degenerative diseases. One aspect of the Gerson Therapy that sets it apart from most other treatment methods is its all-encompassing nature. An abundance of nutrients from thirteen fresh, organic juices is consumed every day, providing your body with a super

dose of enzymes, minerals and nutrients. These substances then break down diseased tissue in the body, while enemas aid in eliminating the

lifelong buildup of toxins from the liver.

With its whole-body approach to healing, the Gerson Therapy naturally reactivates your bodys magnificent ability to

heal itself with no damaging side-effects. Over 200 articles in respected medical literature and thousands of people cured of their incurable diseases document the Gerson Therapy's effectiveness. The Gerson Therapy is one of the few treatments to have a 60 year history of success.

Although its philosophy of cleansing and reactivating the body is simple, the Gerson Therapy is a complex method of treatment requiring

significant attention to detail. While many patients have made full recoveries practicing the Gerson Therapy on their own, for best results it is recommended

to begin treatment at a Gerson Institute licensed treatment center.

For more information, visit www.gerson.org or to see for yourself how it works, YouTube: "Gerson Therapy".

"I See in Dr. Gerson one of the most eminent geniuses in the history of medicine."

Nobel Prize Laureate and former Gerson Patient

Albert Schweitzer, M.D.



Health & Consciousness



### The Illegal War on Curing Cancer

Rick Simpson (audio and video)



actually used in medicine as far as five thousand years ago! Rick Simpson Cannabis, based in Nova Scotia was sentenced when the police found nearly thirty grams of marijuana in his possession and around three kilograms of THC (cannabis oil), that was used to make medicine. They believed these large quantities were possibly being used for the purpose

of drug trafficking and the unlawful production of cannabis marijuana.

Rick Simpson Cannabis said outside the courtroom just before his trial was going to be conducted. "People have proven to me once again they have total lack of common sense. There's something wrong with them. It may be

"Rick Simpson gained a lot of popularity when he claimed that Tetrahydrocannabinol was able to cure his father's cancer. He claimed that he had medical proof that supported the theory that THC (Cannabis) had cleared his father's lungs and repaired the prostate.

A taller claim was he did not have to be dependent on insulin any longer as his diabetes was also under complete control. Going down the road of ancient history, there is a lot of evidence and it has been recorded that hemp was





better to lock me up right now. As soon as I get home I'm going to treat my patients. I'm going to grow that plant until the day I die, so I might as well be put in jail today. can't stop in the middle of (treatment). People's lives are at stake here."

He claimed that cannabis oil had helped him cure people afflicted with cancer. Cannabis is also used to treat alcoholics and recovering drug addicts and this is a known fact for many years. Chemotherapy tends to ruin the body's existing mechanism and cannabis is the best medicine that is extremely effective and non-toxic in its healing mechanism."

Posted on 08 January 2009 by Robert on emarijuana.com





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#### Generation RX

Common Radius Films is a private documentary and media development company based in Vancouver, British Columbia, GENERATION RX marks the first film partnership between the company and international award-winning writer/producer/ director Kevin P. Miller. This film explores how children have been caught in the middle of an unprecedented change in Western culture: that of drugging children with psychiatric medications earlier - and more often than ever before.

GENERATION RX has already garnered the support of some of the most respected names in Hollywood, including writer/ director Paul Haggis, who won back-to-back Academy Awards for "Million Dollar Baby," and "Crash." GENERATION RX, Mr. Haggis said, "is a powerful and often chilling eye-opener. Weeks after viewing, the stories continue to haunt me."

#### We Become Silent

Producer Kevin P. Miller, who produced WE BECOME SILENT has been a staunch advocate of health freedom for 20 years. His 1994 film, LET TRUTH BE THE BIAS exposed the FDAs raids on holistic doctors nationwide, and now he is bringing his awardwinning skills to television.

Recently, a non-profit foundation was established to help fund Miller's news show called HealthCenter, the first-ever TV News program about alternative medicines. HealthCenter will report health news — every single week — to 25 million people weekly via cable and satellite TV - and to millions more through the internet

It is vital that you donate to this cause, so that we will all have the freedom to see the truth about the medicines we love dearly and the legislative/economic barriers to medical freedom of choice.

Please support this historic opportunity by sending a taxdeductible donation to:

CITIZENS HEALTH FREEDOM NETWORK

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### Entheogen: Awakening the Divine Within

This film examines the re-emergence of archaic techniques of ecstacy in the modern world by weaving a synthesis of ecological and evolutionary awareness electronic dance culture, and the current pharmacological re-evaluation of entheogenic compounds. Within a narrative framework that imagines consciousness itself to be evolving, Entheogen documents the emergence of technoshamanism in the post-modern world that frames the following questions: How can a

renewal of ancient initiatory rites of passage alleviate our ecological crisis? What do trance dancing and festivals celebrating unbridled artistic expression speak to in our collective psyche? How do we re-invent ourselves in a disenchanted world from which God has long ago withdrawn? Entheogen invites the viewer to consider that the answers to these questions lie within the consciousness of each and every human being, and are accessible if only we give ourselves permission to awaken to the divine

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Hip-Hop Beyond Bling:

### The Origin, **Evolution, & Future** of Conscious Rap

Part 1: Letter to the President, Directed by Thomas Gibson.

This feature-length documentary showcases hip-hop's closeknit ties to America's social and political policies in the last thirty years. Even before hiphop, black musical artists of the past have been at the forefront of civil rights and black power movements of the late '60s and '70s. See how those movements were destroyed by the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover, and witness rap's birth from those movements and its own progression from being music heard at weekend block parties to its lyrics being debated in the halls of Congress. Letter to the President delves deeply into President Ronald Reagan's policies that negatively affected minority communities and inspired pioneer rap artists such as Grandmaster Melle Mel and Run DMC to tell the whole world about it in song. Then in the "glamorous" '80s, as some people prospered and many minority communities suffered, artists such as Russell Simmons struggled to get laws overturned that targeted those minorities.

Conscious Hip Hop:

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Mos Def The Rape Over!

Lyrics Click Here

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Talib Kweli Hostile Gospel Pt.1

Lyrics Click Here.

#### Hip-Hop beyond Bling:

#### 4Real: Socially Conscious ArtistAcitivists

4REAL is a project that began as a documentary television series and has expanded to include an online global community (4REAL.com), educational materials (4REAL School), the 4REAL Foundation and special events

The television show, 4REAL, is a series of half-hour episodes hosted by Sol Guy that takes celebrity guests on adventures around the world to connect with young leaders who, under extreme circumstances, are effecting real change on some of the most pressing issues of our time.

Celebrity guests for Season One are Cameron Diaz, Mos Def, Joaquin Phoenix, Eva Mendes, Casey Affleck, K'NAAN, M.I.A. and Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. The shows take you on unique adventures with these

celebrities,

but

ultimately it's the young leaders who emerge as the stars. 4REAL inspires viewers with stories of their courage, creativity and dedication to tackling issues such as poverty, environment, health, children's and indigenous rights, drugs and violence in their communities and beyond.

Beyond the exposure that 4REAL provides, these young leaders are partners in the show, with 50 per cent of the show's profits going directly to their initiatives.

4REAL is airing globally on National Geographic Channels International (not including Canada, U.S., and U.K.) in 166 countries and 34 languages, as well as on The CW channel in

the U.S. and on CTV and MTV in Canada.

4REAL is created by Sol Guy and Josh Thome. Executive producers are Chris Haddock, Laura Lightbown and Joaquin Phoenix. 4REAL is produced by Vancouver-based Direct Current Media.

## Neurology and the Passion for Art

Why is it that great works of art seem to have a universal appeal, transcending cultural and geographic boundaries?

V.S. Ramachandran, director of UCSD's Center

for Brain and Cognition has studied how the brain perceives works of art and thinks he may know the answer to this intriguing question.



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Filmmaker Ben Stewart brings us:

#### Esoteric Agenda:

If you liked Zeitgeist, then you will love Esoteric Agenda. This film covers topics rarely spoken of. (The Federal Reserve, Codex Alimentarius, Global Warming) The film is anchored and explains the findings of the Mayan Calendar.





Take time to particapate in this topic with Chris Pinto, Writter and Director of:

#### "Riddles in Stone: The Secret Architecture of Washington D.C."

explores the highly controversial subject of the design of America's capital. Was the city built to reflect the majesty of America's newfound freedom? Or the hidden agenda of secret societies? With every major cornerstone laid by Freemasons, was the city built in a Masonic pattern?

#### Kymatica:

For the first time in history we are finding that there are no sole saviors or lone prophets to guide us. In a world where Apocalyptic catastrophes seem inevitable, we must look at the solutions in a whole new manner. As the latest quantum mechanics and metaphysics are just being discovered, we notice that we are not moving forward, but returning to a consciousness that the ancient shamans, mystics and sages have left for us. Explore!





#### "Eye of the Phoenix: Secrets of the One Dollar Bill,"

Director, Chris Pinto releases another intricate investigative film. Follow Chris along as he traces the secrets behind and displayed on the One Dollar Bill. This film will provide you with varying interviews from both sides, so you can have the information to make up your mind for yourself.



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#### **Consuming Kids**

Consuming Kids throws desperately needed light on the practices of a relentless multi-billion dollar marketing machine that now sells kids and their parents everything from junk food and violent video games to bogus educational products and the family car. Drawing on the insights of health care professionals, children's advocates, and industry insiders, the film focuses on the explosive growth of child marketing in the wake of deregulation, showing how youth marketers have used the latest advances in psychology, anthropology, and neuroscience to transform American children into one of the most powerful and profitable consumer demographics in the world. Consuming Kids pushes back against the wholesale commercialization of childhood, raising urgent questions about the ethics of children's marketing and its impact on the health and wellbeing of kids.

#### Corporations in the Classroom

Director Jill Sharpe's latest documentary reveals that our children are no longer safe from advertising even when at school. Because funding for education is falling short, teachers and administrators are struggling to keep the gates closed to marketing companies. It's called Trojan horse marketing and it works like a charm in creating life-long brand name consumers not life-long learners.

Marketing to school age students is now a 2 billion dollar industry. The way corporate sponsors are stepping up to the plate, offering promotions, sponsorships and even free curriculum there is no stopping the flow of advertising in covert forms. Or is there?

The problem is there are few or no regulations in place to protect our children from corporate

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marketing campaigns that look just like classroom lessons. And schools need playgrounds and gym equipment that taxes do not seem to pay for any longer. Enter new corporate champions. First come sponsorships, then come naming rights and next come learning materials in the classrooms! Watch as donations become classroom resources and product placement opportunities. The good news is some school districts are fighting back and succeeding in keeping the classrooms a safe haven from the marketing hype.



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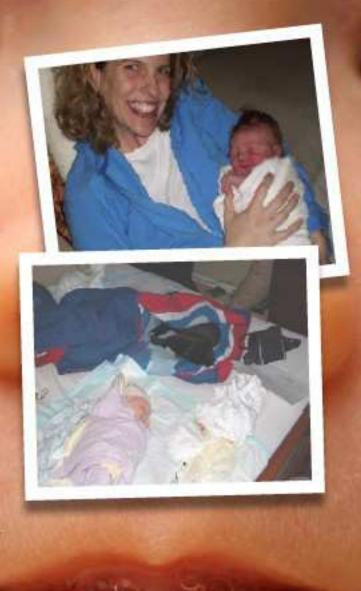


Home birth is a highly charged and often misunderstood term. The words conjure up images of the 18th century, ever-lasting carpet stains and excruciating pain. I can say from experience that with proper preparation, the assistance of a skilled midwife and heavy-duty plastic sheets, that a home birth can be safe and comfortable while also leaving your house in a relatively clean state.

It is unfortunate that actual benefits of home birth are frequently overlooked. I chose to birth at home because I wanted a relaxing, peaceful and calm environment to bring my children into the world. I wanted to bond and connect immediately with each newborn, as mother and child have done throughout history. And I wanted to completely experience the miracle of childbirth as nature intended. What I didn't expect, however, was the level of selfempowerment that followed. To this day, I know there is nothing I cannot do if I put my mind to it.

Admittedly, home birth is not right for all situations. But for those that are capable and willing, it can be one of life's most profound

Michelle is the wife of a long-time supporter. After her second home-birth, she became certified to teach other women Hypno-Birthing. the technique she used throughout her labor.



#### The Business of Being Born

Birth is a miracle, a rite of passage, a natural part of life. But birth is also big business.

Compelled to explore the subject after the delivery of her first child, actress Ricki Lake recruits filmmaker Abby Epstein to question the way American women have babies.

The film interlaces intimate birth stories with surprising historical, political and scientific

insights and shocking statistics about the current maternity care system. When director Epstein discovers she is pregnant during the making of the film, the journey becomes even more personal.

Should most births be viewed as a natural life process, or should every delivery be treated as a potentially catastrophic medical emergency?





Fear & Love

# Twilight Of The Doomsayer

By Niel Kramer

Students of consciousness know that fear is a disconnecting frequency; it separates and diminishes with cold efficiency. Fear restrains consciousness by contracting it and binding it to the 3D, effectively isolating the individual from higher awareness. So it is that in these days of shifting paradigms, as the old hierarchies scramble to contain the effects of polarizing consciousness and wider galactic alignments, it is wise to be mindful of those who deal primarily in fear.

We are born with only two innate fears: fear of loud noises and fear of falling. With training these can be diminished or removed altogether. All other fears are habituated, social and mental constructs that we have imbibed from the matrix. Even pain is a conditional reflex. not a fear. I feel no fear when I burn my hand accidentally in a candle flame. Any anxiety that arises derives from the anticipation of pain or the frustration of an apparent misfortune. Consequently, though it may be explicable to feel fear in the veins when we observe the dystopian Control System framework being radically upgraded, it is a wholly synthetic response that we are activating, an erroneous software loop that has been conditioned into us.

I am reminded of the Bene Gesserit litany from Dune (1965 Frank Herbert novel, 1984 David Lynch film). This was recited to help reduce the debilitating effects of fear.

"I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain."

This is Zen technique. It seeks to counter the prevalent tendency for humans to falsely identify with the egoic mind, believing that they are the thinking entity inside their heads. It is this basic misidentification that encourages persistent discursive thinking, thereby granting overall authority to the linear

logic at the expense of higher dimensional awareness. Crucially, the erroneous belief that we are the ego transforms the human psyche into a fear superconductor.

Egoic Ascendancy

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The ego plays an important role in helping us to endure in the 3D world, yet its influence over the entire mind-complex has become artificially elevated over time. The mutation of the ego into a position of artificial primacy can perhaps be better grasped by understanding trauma-based mind control techniques. The mind is subjected to such intense negative experience (suffering/sensory overload) that, in order to survive, it fragments into a number of distinct compartments, some of which can be

heavily conditioned, or programmed.
Some alternative historians have
suggested that immense and sudden
earth changes can bring about a
splintering of the mind on a mass
scale, resulting in a spontaneous
and dominant separation of the
ego.

Finding itself wearing the

white peaked-hat of the
Captain, the ego takes to
the helm, even though it is
patently not experienced
or skilled enough to
do so. As indicated,
the real job of the
ego is to focus on
survival impulses
like eating, drinking,
reproducing,
gathering,
tribalism, fight
or flight. It is
not equipped

to command

a large and complex vessel. Consequently, it makes a lot of mistakes, takes wrong turns, gets lost, runs into heavy waters and collides with other egos, regularly inflicting damage on itself and others. In this mode, veering from one predicament to another, thinking can only achieve relatively crude results compared to the awesome and expert command of the higher self. Necessarily, one must persuade the ego to take a back seat.

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17th century philosopher Rene Descartes gave expression to the biggest fallacy of all time when he said, "I think therefore I am." This is a signpost that points in the wrong direction for those seeking transcendence. We are not the

mind. Fundamentally, we are that which does not think. If the ego is in command, thinking is flawed and capricious. It is brain noise. The trick is to observe the mind. Watch it from a distance. In so doing, we recognize that for the mind to be so observed, it cannot therefore be us. This sends a subtle but potent signal to the ego. We are the watcher, timeless and non-local. Pure consciousness emanating from all things. This perspective shift starts to reintegrate fragmented components of the mind and transfers the ego back to the survival department, where ultimately it is much happier.

Being who you are is not some vague newage sentiment. It is the rigorous discipline of working on oneself to develop conscious presence. It is a natural spiritual trajectory. By bringing one's unswerving attention into the present moment, we unplug the egoic thinking mechanism and free the mind from the flow of temporality. We exit the time loop (the 3D) and the mind becomes immediately deeper and more connected (to the 4D). This is the journey to true selfhood. It is philosophy, psychology, spirituality, science and art. It is the living reality of observing one's dharma, one's own sacred path, day to day, every day.

Thinking and doing are peripheral. Being is all there is. Being is now. This is ancient wisdom, deep and authentic. It is knowledge that is once more surfacing in thousands of awakened minds, out from the great and recurrent amnesia of mankind.

It's Not About The Data, Stupid

Psychological acuity, esoteric knowledge and spiritual discipline are required in equal measure before the human mind can properly process undiluted eschatological information.

Those who proceed into the shadow realms without these

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#### Fear & Love

by Altruists.org

"The single most important decision any of us will ever make is whether or not to believe the universe is friendly."

~ Albert Einstein

Fear and Love are two of the most basic and powerful human emotions. As they spread from person to person, they can inspire such extremes of behaviour as killing one another or dying for one another. Considering that the fundamental importance of love is so widely agreed upon. it is remarkable how many organisations seem dedicated to promoting its opposite: fear.

"There is no fear in love: true love has no room for fear."

Fear is a natural response to danger that quickens the mind's efforts to anticipate and avoid potential peril or problems. However, stemming from the irrational part of the mind, it knows no logic and sometimes gets unhinged from its target. People whose lives have been filled with fear often continue to be afraid long after the potential danger has been removed, making up their own, irrational, reasons. Chronic fear is a debilitating state of mind that weakens body

and soul, associated with heart conditions. nervous disorders. stress, depression and paranoia. This is... especially dangerous when it affects the powerful, since it impacts the decisionmaking capabilities and distances people from the real consequences of their actions. Even worse, the natural result of fear is to act selfishly without regard for the wellbeing of others. This destroys the fabric of society by communicating to people that they are unloved and uncared for, inspires more fear in turn.

Love has many shades of meaning, but it is well understood as a selfless devotion to someone - a determination to do them right and to encourage and care for them. By focusing our attention away from dead matter such as money or material goods, onto the living beings on whom

Social Activity Feelings Cooperation Abundance Conflict Scarcity Selfishness Fear Sharing Love Activity Feelings Personal

it rightly resides. Love helps us to rediscover our humanity. Taking joy in relationships with others is a positive alternative to escapism, and it helps us overlook their failings, inspiring them to love us in return. Love should circulate round the social relationships than make up a society as blood

flows throughs a body, bringing healing, life and energy everywhere it goes, carrying antibodies of care to soften calloused or cynicical hearts.

In recent decades, public fear in certain countries has escalated greatly, fuelled by regular exposure to images

of atrocities committed, most notably due to the so-called 'War on Terror'. Barbaric acts by terrorists and terrorisation by media or government strike deep at people's wellbeing because they resonate with so many people's gut feelings of fear - the unspoken fear that in the anonymous, faceless world of big organisations we have made for ourselves, there is no one is willing to love and care for us.

To tackle the fear within us, we would be well advised to be wary of technological answer offered us, whether they be the building of walls to insulate us from others, or even worse systems to bend them to our will. Such selfishness will only spread conflict and terror further afield. A more feasible solution would be to let Love into our lives, and take steps to allay the fear of those around us. For example, if we live in a world of material abundance, not scarcity, we could share some of what we have with those who need it, allaying their fears of not being provided for. Charities are the institution supposed by many to fullfil this role, but large organisations are poorly placed to deliver compassion, and anonymous

money is a poor conduit for signals of love, because of its impersonal nature. Just giving things away to people may well prove an effective boost to friendship, an antidote to the climate of fear that is being cultivated in too many societies.

To see how this relates to the social cycle, click on the picture below:

Social Cycles

Negative Cycle: Fear leads to Selfishness creating Social Conflict producing Scarcity and reinforcing Fear...

Positive Cycle: Love inspires Sharing, creating Cooperation that generates Abundant Privosion and reinforces Love...

Any diverse society can be understood as a mixture of these two social cycles, shown below: No individual can control the mood of society as a whole, so everone is responsible for it in part. However, we are responsible for our actions. Both positive and negative outside influences affect out lives each day, and we have a choice about how to respond. One of the key factors that determines how altruistically we behave is whether we see ouselves as living in a world of abundance or scarcity

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### The Caribbean Institute of Media Technologies

The Caribbean Institute of Media Technologies is a first-of-its-kind media training school with the specific goal of offering technologybased storytelling skills to those living in underdeveloped nations.

This past year we have been conducting media technology training in Haiti where the response has been remarkable, launching us confidently into the next phase of our vision. Now, through the generous support of our partners, the first operational campus of The Caribbean Institute of Media Technologies will open in Cap Haitien, Haiti in the summer of 2009, with plans to eventually expand to several satellite classrooms elsewhere in Haiti.



Our attention is focused on the establishment of a functional program and a stable learning environment inside of Haiti.

This program is "decidedly

different" from similarly rated programs in the United States. Through the pursuit of "creative community" with our students, we strive to not only teach a set of critical storytelling skills, but to likewise imbue and refine a profound

sense of confidence within the heart and mind of each student, thereby affording them the confidence to use their burgeoning skills under any circumstance they may face.

This institute is a refuge from the struggle of survival and a sanctuary of imagination wherein each student can safely explore and refine their own voice, method, and style in a timeframe that is decidedly unique, determined more by their personal journey than by formula.

The primary educational goal of the school is to train "creative storytellers" using current and expanding forms of media technologies, our educational objective is excellence. We are passionate about seeing each student achieve a level of mastery and refinement in their ability that is deserving of the finest storytelling opportunities to come.



This is a pilot program. Upon successful completion of the model, it shall be made available for expansion into other underdeveloped nations. While we are excited about seeing this program expand, our attention is presently focused on the Haitian people







Time & Space

# The Practical Application to Time Travel?

Consider the case of Dr. Ronald Mallett, Ph.D., Professor of Physics at the University of Connecticut.

For quite some time, Ronald Mallett has been working on plans for a time machine. This machine uses a ring laser and the theory of relativity. Mallett first argued that the ring laser would produce a limited amount of frame-dragging which might be measured experimentally, saying: In Einstein's general theory of relativity, both matter and energy can create a gravitational field. This means that the energy of a light beam can produce a gravitational field. My current research considers both the weak and strong gravitational fields produced by a single

continuously circulating unidirectional beam of light. In the weak gravitational field of a unidirectional ring laser, it is predicted that a spinning neutral particle, when placed in the ring, is dragged around by the resulting gravitational field.

In a later paper, he argued that at sufficient energies, the circulating laser might produce not just frame-dragging but also closed timelike curves, allowing time travel into the past. For the strong gravitational field of a circulating cylinder of light, I have found new exact solutions of the Einstein field equations for the exterior and interior gravitational fields of the light cylinder. The exterior gravitational field is shown to contain closed timelike lines. The presence of closed timelike lines indicates the possibility of

time travel into the past. This creates the foundation for a time machine based on a circulating cylinder of light.

Funding for his program, now known as The Space-time Twisting by Light (STL) project, is progressing. Full details on the project, Mallett's theories, a list of upcoming public lectures and links to popular articles on his work can be found at the professor's UConn web page, and an illustration showing the concept on which Mallett has designed the time machine can be seen on a Geocities webpage.

He also wrote a book titled Time Traveler: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality, co-written with New York Times best-selling author Bruce B. Henderson, that was first published in 2006. In June 2008, motion picture director Spike Lee's production company announced it had acquired the film rights to Mallett's book. Lee is co-writing the movie script and directing the picture.

deep childhood trauma -- at age ten the sudden death of his father -- drove him on a quest to build a time machine in an attempt to go back in time to save his father. In telling his story, Mallett explains in "easy-to-read" (Publishers Weekly) language and elegant metaphors the physics that

makes time travel possible
-- based on Einstein's theories
of relativity -- and offers
what New Scientist's editor
Michael Brooks calls an "actual
blueprint for a time machine."
The title has been reprinted in
Korea, Taiwan and the United
Kingdom.

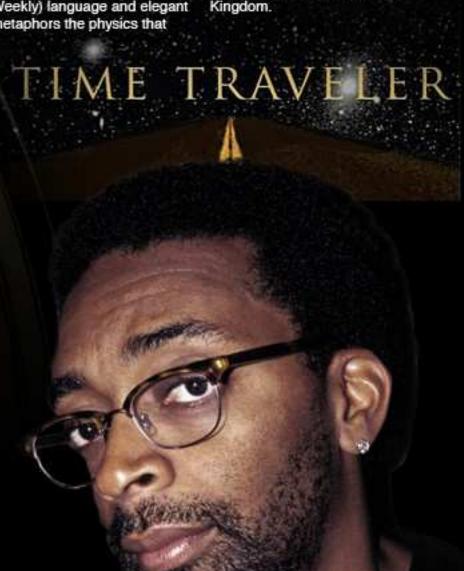
#### Spike Lee aquires film rights to time traveler

by Dr. Ronald Mallett with Bruce Henderson

New York, NY - Film rights to TIME TRAVELER by Dr. Ronald Mallett with Bruce Henderson -- the inspiring memoir by one of America's first African American Ph.D.'s in theoretical physics who has discovered the basic equations for a working time machine - have been acquired by director Spike Lee's production company, Forty Acres & A Mule Filmworks, Inc. The Emmy-winning and Academy Award-nominated Lee will cowrite the script and direct.

TIME TRAVELER: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality (Basic Books) is the compelling and touching story of a man whose







# By teaching love, that very same love guided me to my purpose

By Dr. Wayne W Dyer, Discovery Zone

When you are inspired by a great purpose, everything will begin to work for you. Inspiration comes from moving back in-spirit and connecting to the seven faces of intention.

When you feel inspired, what appeared to be risky becomes a path you feel compelled to follow. The risks are gone because you are following your bliss, which is the truth within you

This is really love working in harmony with your intention. Essentially, if you do not feel love, you do not feel the truth, and your truth is all wrapped up in your connection to Spirit. This is why inspiration is such an important part of the fulfillment of your intention to live a life on purpose.

When I left the work that no longer inspired me, every single detail that I had worried about was almost magically taken care of for me. I had spent several months working for a large corporation where I was offered a salary three times higher than I had been paid as a teacher, but I was

not in-spirit. That prodding inner knowing said, "Do what you are here to do," and teaching counseling became my manifested daily purpose.

And public speaking was not a risk; it was something I had to do because I knew that I could not feel happy with myself if I did not

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follow my heart. The universe handled the details, because I was feeling love for what I was doing, and consequently, I was living my truth. By teaching love, that very same love guided me to my purpose, and the financial remuneration flowed to me with that same energy of love. I couldn't see how it worked out, but I followed an inner knowing and never regretted it.

You may think it is too risky to give up a salary, a pension, job security, or familiar surroundings because of a dim night-light in your mind that draws you to see why it is turned on. I suggest that there are no risks at all if you pay attention to that light, which is your knowing. Combine your strong knowing with the faith that Spirit will provide, and you acknowledge the power

of intention at work. Your trust in this inner knowing is all you need. I call it faith, not faith in an external being to provide you with purpose, but faith in the call you are hearing from the center of your being. You are a divine, infinite creation making the choice to be on purpose and to be connected to the power of intention. It all revolves around your being harmoniously connected to your Source. Faith eliminates the risk when you choose to trust that inner knowing about your purpose and become a channel for the power of intention.



## Walking the Walk and Skating the Board:

The Example of Zoo York's Independent Success



It began in the early '70s in the undisputed center of the universe, New York City. Championed by a tight-knit crew of progressive minds who lived and breathed NYC's raw creative energy, a unique social movement began to take root that was strongly influenced by NYC's unforgiving streets and colorful weave of global flavors. The Soul Artists of Zoo York sprang to

life from Manhattan's Riverside Park and built a thriving scene with aerosol, skateboards, block rockin' beats, and originality at its core that quickly took on a life of its own and became an unstoppable global force.

By the dawn of the '80s, the term Zoo York had come to firmly symbolize NYC's underground

sect of artists, b-boys, skateboarders, punks, and their various creative off-shoots. The Zoo York revolution was in full effect as graf writers bombed trains, DJ's mastered the wheels of steel, and skateboarders staked their claim to now legendary spots like Astor, Washington Square, and the Brooklyn Banks.

In 1998, OG skateboarders Rodney Smith,

Eli Morgan Gessner, and Adam Schatz teamed up to found the East Coast's first true skateboarding-inspired lifestyle brand - Zoo York. The trio siphoned creative inspiration from NYC's rapidly evolving skateboarding, hiphop, and graffiti scenes to produce a variety of culturally relevant, authentic products that were dark and gritty like New York City. What began as a simple line of decks and T-shirts steadily grew into a full blown streetwear collection marked by military surplus, urban-athletic styling that was designed to withstand the city's rugged terrain.

Today, Zoo York is a highly evolved, globally recognized brand with unbreakable East Coast attitude and dialect. As it has since day one, The Institute's product line continues to be heavily influenced by skateboarding, graffiti, hip-hop, punk, and everything in between. The Manhattan-based brand proudly serves up a wide range of casual, utilitarian looks for men, women, and youths that fuse authentic military-influenced overtones with iconic Zoo York City imagery to capture the raw essence of NYC. Additionally, the company continues to be backed strongly by the Zoo Crew which includes original NYC graffiti artists, designers, musicians, new and old school skateboarders, and some of the biggest names in the surf. snow, BMX, and motocross communities.



Imagine all the people
Living life in peace
You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one
~ John Lennon

