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· Kevin A. Kelly, AIA fellow; author of Problem Seeking: An Architectural Programming Primer, which has become a standard textbook.

· Anne Lee, M. Arch, AIA member; licensed architect in Massachusetts.

· Dr. David Leifer, coordinator of the Graduate Program in Facilities Management, University of Sydney; former professor at Mackintosh School of Architecture.

· Paul Stevenson Oles, fellow of the AIA, which in 1989 called him "the dean of architectural illustrators in America"; co-founder of the American Society of Architectural Perspectivists.

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· Ronald H. Brookman, MS Eng; licensed Professional Civil and Structural Engineer in California

· Dwain Deets, former Director for Research Engineering and Aerospace Projects, NASA Dryden Flight Research Center, which awarded him the NASA Exceptional Service Award.

· Joel Hirschhorn, PhD; former professor, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison; former staff member, Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

· Richard F. Humenn, licensed PE (retired); senior Project Design Engineer, World Trade Center electrical systems.

· Fadhil Al-Kazily, PhD; licensed Professional Civil Engineer.

· Jack Keller, PhD; professor emeritus, Civil Engineering, Utah State University; member, National Academy of Engineering; named one of the world's 50 leading contributors to science and technology benefiting society by Scientific American.

· Heikki Kurttila, PhD; Safety Engineer and Accident Analyst for Finland's National Safety Technology Authority.

· Ali Mojahid, PhD, Civil and Architectural Engineering; licensed PE.

· Edward Munyak, Mechanical and Fire Protection Engineer; former Fire Protection Engineer for California and the US Departments of Energy and Defense.

· Kamal S. Obeid, MS, licensed Professional Structural and Civil Engineer.149

In addition to Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth, many other 9/11 organizations of professionals with relevant types of expertise have been formed, including Firefighters for 9/11 Truth,150 Intelligence Officers for 9/11 Truth,151 Medical Professionals for 9/11 Truth,152 Pilots for 9/11 Truth,153 S.P.I.N.E.: The Scientific Panel Investigating Nine-Eleven,154 and Veterans for 9/11 Truth.155

Less obviously relevant, but surely not entirely irrelevant, are some other professional organizations, including Journalists and Other Media Professionals for 9/11 Truth,156 Lawyers for 9/11 Truth,157 Political Leaders for 9/11 Truth,158 Religious Leaders for 9/11 Truth,159 and Scholars for 9/11 Truth and Justice.160 If we combine the membership of these organizations with those in the previous paragraph, we can see that several thousand professional people have publicly announced their alignment with the 9/11 Truth Movement.

In light of the above-mentioned developments, could any fair-minded person deny that the 9/11 Truth Movement's evidence has passed Chomsky's twofold test with flying colors?

Given the make-up of the 9/11 Truth Movement, could any such person agree with the claims about this movement quoted in Part I of this essay, according to which its members are "conspiracy nuts," "idiots," and "morons," who, being devoid of "any conception of evidence," are "willing to abandon science" in favor of "magic"? In one of his 2009 essays, David Corn expressed concern about "9/11 conspiracy silliness."161 But it is hard to imagine anything sillier, and hence more self-discrediting, than making such claims about the scientists, architects, engineers, intelligence officers, lawyers, medical professionals, political leaders, and other professionals who have publicly aligned themselves with the 9/11 Truth Movement.

As I stated on a lecture tour in early 2009:

"Among scientists and professionals in the relevant fields who have studied the evidence, the weight of scientific and professional opinion is now overwhelmingly on the side of the 9/11 Truth Movement. Whereas well over 1,000 such people have publicly supported the stance of this movement, there are virtually no scientists or professionals in the relevant fields who have gone on record in defense of the official story---except for people whose livelihood would be threatened if they refused to support it. This caveat is important, because, as Upton Sinclair famously observed: "It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his

salary depends upon his not understanding it.”¹⁶² Except for such people, virtually everyone who has expertise in a relevant field, and who has seriously studied the evidence, rejects the official conspiracy theory. It is time, therefore, for journalists and everyone else to take a second look.”¹⁶³

A More General Problem with the Official Conspiracy Theory: In addition the twofold fact that the official conspiracy theory’s account of the WTC destruction implies miracles and has been increasingly rejected by informed and independent people in relevant professions, this theory is rendered unworthy of belief by a more general problem: when its various details are subjected to critical scrutiny, the entire story falls apart – as I showed in my 2008 book, *The New Pearl Harbor Revisited*¹⁶⁴ (which, incidentally, was a *Publishers Weekly* “Pick of the Week” in November 2008,¹⁶⁵ an honor not normally bestowed on books written by morons and idiots).

One of the things that falls apart is the idea that there were al-Qaeda hijackers on the airliners. Having in my book examined the various types of evidence for this idea, I will here focus on the type of evidence usually considered the strongest: the alleged phone calls from the planes, during which the presence of hijackers was reported. All of you have evidently accepted these calls as genuine.

For example, Matthew Rothschild, defending the government’s account of what happened on United Flight 93, wrote: “we know from cell phone conversations that passengers on board that plane planned on confronting the hijackers.”¹⁶⁶ However, about ten of the reported calls from this flight were said to have been made on cell phones, most of them when the plane was at 35,000 feet or higher, and the technology at that time did not allow cell phone calls to be made from airliners at such altitudes, as pointed out by members of the 9/11 Truth Movement – most definitively by A. K. Dewdney and Michel Chossudovsky in 2003 and 2004.¹⁶⁷

Chris Hayes faulted the Truth Movement for focusing on what he called “physical minutiae,” such as “the altitude in Pennsylvania at which cellphones on Flight 93 should have stopped working.”¹⁶⁸ It would appear, however, that the FBI took such “minutiae” seriously: When it issued a report in 2006 on the (alleged) phone calls from the 9/11 airliners, the FBI designated only two of them as having been made on cell phones, and both of those, the FBI said, had been made from Flight 93 when it, about to crash, was at a low altitude. All the other reported calls from this flight (as well as all the reported calls from the other flights) were said to have been made from onboard phones, including three to five calls that Deena Burnett reported having received from her husband, Tom Burnett.¹⁶⁹

This change of story got rid of the problem of technologically impossible (miraculous) phone calls, but it created another problem: How to explain the reports of approximately ten calls from this flight that, according to the recipients, had been made on cell phones? In some cases, we might assume, the recipients had misunderstood, or misremembered, what they had been told. But Deena Burnett said – and she reported this to the FBI on 9/11 itself – that she knew her husband had used his cell phone, because she recognized his cell phone number on her own phone’s Caller ID. If Tom Burnett had really called his wife using an onboard phone, as the FBI now claims, the fact that his cell phone number repeatedly showed up on her Caller ID would have to count as a miracle.

I would think people generally skeptical of the claims made by the government, especially claims from which the military-industrial complex is benefiting, would consider this problem – which is documented at length in *The New Pearl Harbor Revisited*¹⁷⁰ – worthy of investigation.

I have also raised questions about the alleged phone calls from CNN correspondent Barbara Olson, which had been reported that day by her husband, US Solicitor General Ted Olson. She had phoned him twice, he claimed, from American Flight 77 (which allegedly crashed into the Pentagon shortly thereafter).

In a list of my views treated derisively by Rothschild, he said: “Griffin casts doubt on whether the phone calls actually happened.”¹⁷¹ Perhaps Rothschild will be more impressed by the fact that, in its 2006 report on phone calls from the 9/11 airliners, the FBI did not support the claim that the calls from Barbara Olson “actually happened.” Although Ted Olson said he had received two calls from his wife, with the first call lasting “about one (1) minute”¹⁷² and the second one lasting “two or three or four minutes,”¹⁷³ the FBI report on calls from American Flight 77 says that Barbara Olson attempted one call, which was “unconnected,” so that it (of course) lasted “0 seconds.”¹⁷⁴

The reported calls from Barbara Olson were very important: They provided the first evidence given to the public that the planes had been hijacked; they were instrumental in getting the American public ready to strike back at Muslims in a “war on terror”; and they were also the only source for a piece of information that everyone “knows” – that the hijackers had box-cutters. One would think, therefore, that it would be of more than passing interest to people concerned about the direction of US foreign policy since 9/11 that an FBI report in 2006 indicates that these calls never happened.

This is the same FBI that – in spite of Rothschild’s confident claim that there is no doubt of Osama bin Laden’s responsibility for the attacks, because he (allegedly) claimed responsibility for them in a video (allegedly) found in Afghanistan by the US military – does not list him as wanted for 9/11. Why? Because, an FBI spokesman explained, “the FBI has no hard evidence connecting Bin Laden to 9/11.”¹⁷⁵ The FBI must be less certain than Rothschild about the evidentiary value of that so-called confessional video – and for good reason, as I have shown elsewhere.¹⁷⁶

Accordingly, insofar as you left-leaning despisers of the 9/11 Truth Movement have been concerned not to discredit yourselves by endorsing an unsupported, implausible, irrational, and even scientifically impossible conspiracy theory, that is precisely what you are doing so long as you stand by your endorsements of the Bush administration’s – and now the Obama administration’s – 9/11 conspiracy theory.

2. The Fear of Being Distracted

The second fear – that the focus on a false conspiracy theory has been distracting many people from more important matters – is equally valid. But this fear has been directed toward the wrong conspiracy theory. Nothing has distracted the United States and its allies from issues such as global apartheid, the ecological crisis, nuclear proliferation, and corporate power more than the “war on terror” – with its huge operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, its incessant terror alerts and stories of attacks prevented, and its depletion of our national treasuries. Lying at the root of this so-called war on terror, both historically and as present justification, is the official account of 9/11. So it is, as I wrote in response to

Cockburn in *Le Monde Diplomatique* three years ago, "The Truly Distracting 9/11 Conspiracy Theory."¹⁷⁷

Had the falsity of this account been exposed within weeks – as it certainly could and should have been – the war in Afghanistan, which has now been using up our time, talent, and treasury for almost a decade, could have been avoided altogether. If the falsity of the Bush-Cheney 9/11 conspiracy theory had at least been exposed within a year, the fiasco in Iraq could have been avoided. If the truth had been exposed within three years, those wars could have been closed down long ago and the Bush-Cheney administration dismissed before it had a second term. If so, the next administration, not distracted by two major wars and exaggerated fears about terrorist attacks on the "homeland," might have focused on the fact that many environmental regulations needed to be tightened up. One consequence might have been that the Gulf oil blowout (not "spill"), which could turn out to be extremely destructive to our planet's ecosystem, might never have occurred. The fact that the official conspiracy theory about 9/11 has distracted the United States and its allies from the ecological crisis is, therefore, no trivial matter – and this is merely one of many illustrations that could be given.

That the 9/11 Truth Movement, by contrast, cannot be rationally considered a distraction from more important matters was persuasively expressed in August 2006 by former CIA official Bill Christison, who by the end of his 28-year career had risen to the position of Director of the CIA's Office of Regional and Political Analysis (and who, sadly, died while this essay was being written¹⁷⁸). In an article entitled "Stop Belittling the Theories About September 11," Christison wrote:

"After spending the better part of the last five years treating these theories with utmost skepticism, I have devoted serious time to actually studying them [and] have come to believe that significant parts of the 9/11 theories are true, and that therefore significant parts of the 'official story' put out by the U.S. government and the 9/11 Commission are false."¹⁷⁹

Then, after listing nine judgments that had led him to this conclusion – one of which was that the "North and South Towers of the World Trade Center almost certainly did not collapse and fall to earth because hijacked aircraft hit them" – he added:

"If [these] judgments . . . are correct, they . . . strongly suggest that some unnamed persons or groups either inside or with ties to the government were actively creating a 'Pearl Harbor' event, most likely to gain public support for the aggressive foreign policies that followed – policies that would, first, 'transform' the entire Middle East, and second, expand U.S. global domination."

Then, explaining why the evidence for this conclusion cannot reasonably be dismissed as a distraction from more important matters, he wrote:

"A manageable volume of carefully collected and analyzed evidence is already at hand . . . that elements within the Bush administration, as well as possibly other groups foreign or domestic, were involved in a massive fraud against the American people, a fraud that has led to many thousands of deaths. This charge of fraud, if proven, involves a much greater crime against the American people and people of the world than any other charges of fraud connected to the run-up to the invasion of Iraq in March 2003. It is a charge that we should not sweep under the rug because what is happening in Lebanon, Gaza, Iraq, Syria, and Iran seems

more pressing and overwhelming. It is a charge that is more important because it is related to all of the areas just mentioned – after all, the events of 9/11 have been used by the administration to justify every single aspect of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East since September 11. It is a charge that is more important also because it affects the very core of our entire political system. If proven, it is a conspiracy, so far successful, not only against the people of the United States, but against the entire world."

In this passage, Christison expressed this charge of fraud conditionally, saying "if proven." He later made clear, however, that he had personally found the evidence convincing, referring to the 9/11 attacks as "an inside job."¹⁸⁰

In any case, besides saying that 9/11 is more important than America's crimes in the Middle East because "the events of 9/11 have been used by the administration to justify every single aspect of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East since September 11," he also, in saying that the 9/11 fraud "affects the very core of our entire political system," anticipated the above-cited symposium in the *American Behavioral Scientist*, which treated 9/11 as a probable instance of its topic: *State Crimes against Democracy*. Christison's implicit message to Chomsky, therefore, was: Given your concern with "real and ongoing crimes of state," I would respectfully suggest that you do what I finally did: Actually examine the evidence that 9/11 was one of these crimes.

As for the concern to prosecute war criminals, what bigger war criminals could there be than people within our own government who engineered these attacks, then used them as a pretext for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, which have killed millions?¹⁸¹

As for the hope of stopping these horribly deadly and terribly expensive wars, what better means could be had than proof – which scientists, architects, engineers, firefighters, and pilots in the 9/11 Truth Movement have provided – that the official account of 9/11 is a lie and that the attacks had to be, at least in part, an inside job?

Concluding Statement

I recently completed a 15-city tour, presenting a lecture entitled "Is the War in Afghanistan Justified by 9/11?" My hope was that, by providing clear evidence that it is not – because the official account of 9/11 is false from beginning to end – "the 9/11 Truth Movement and more traditional Peace and Anti-War groups [would] be able to combine forces to oppose this illegal and immoral war."¹⁸² I have written the present essay with the same hope. But if this hope is to be fulfilled, erstwhile left-leaning despisers of the 9/11 Truth Movement will need to prove that Cockburn's charge about this movement's members – "They're immune to any reality check" – and Corn's charge – they "are not open to persuasion"¹⁸³ – are not instead true of themselves.

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Notes

1 As those who know the history of modern theology are aware, one of its seminal writings was Friedrich Schleiermacher's *Speeches on Religion to Its Cultured Despisers* (1799). These "cultured despisers" of religion were people whom Schleiermacher admired and with whom he agreed on most issues. He believed, however, that they had a blind spot with regard to religion, mainly because they did not understand its true nature and the experience on which it is based. I address those I call "left-leaning despisers of the 9/11 Truth Movement" in the same spirit.

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19 See David Ray Griffin, *The 9/11 Commission Report: Omissions and Distortions* (Northampton, Mass.: Olive Branch Press [Interlink Books], 2005), 29.

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<http://911truth.org/article.php?story=20100527162010811>

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/11/29/nyregion/nation-challenged-site-engineers-have-culprit-strange-collapse-7-world-trade.html>.

22 See FEMA, *World Trade Center Building Performance Study*, ed. Therese McAllister, ed. (Washington D.C., and New York: Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2002),

Chapter 5, by Ramon Gilsanz, Edward M. Depaola, Christopher Marrion, and Harold "Bud" Nelson

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/fema403_ch5.pdf, 31. As

the title of Glanz's article in the previous note indicates, he had already suggested that the diesel fuel might provide an explanation.

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24 Ibid., 53-54, 29.

25 Rothschild, "Enough of the 9/11 Conspiracy Theories, Already."

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27 Allen, "The 9/11 Faith Movement."

28 As this example shows, Allen's rejection of the 9/11 Truth Movement's empirical claims seems to be based entirely on her taking on faith the claims of the Bush-Cheney administration as mediated through *Popular Mechanics*. It is quite ironic, therefore, that she caricatures the 9/11 Truth Movement as the "9/11 Faith Movement." But she seems to have a special knack for getting things backwards: With regard to an *In These Times* editor's question about me, "What could have transformed this sober, reflective scholar into a conspiracy theorist?" (which was his way of asking why I had rejected the government's conspiracy theory in

favor an alternative conspiracy theory), she replied: "I think part of it is that he's a theologian who operates on faith" (quoted in Salim Muwakkil, "What's the 411 on 9/11?" In *These Times*, December 21, 2005

<http://www.inthesetimes.com/article/2444>. Given the fact that the primary issue at hand was my belief "that the towers were toppled by a controlled demolition," for which there is (as we have seen) an overwhelming amount of empirical evidence, it is especially strange that she would say that the reason I believe this must be that I am "a theologian who operates on faith." Besides the fact that she was obviously the one who was operating on faith with regard to 9/11, she was also assuming that, because I am "a theologian," I must operate in the way she assumes all theologians operate. Since the 18th-century Enlightenment, however, there has been a great methodological divide within theology. Many theologians still do operate on the traditional basis, in which questions of truth are settled by appeals to authority, the pronouncements of which are taken on faith. But I have always practiced the Enlightenment-based type of theology, which, as I explained in a book subtitled *A New Synthesis of Scientific Naturalism and Christian Faith*, rejects the "method of authority" in favor of the method of "settling questions of truth and falsity on the basis of common experience and reason – that is, by reasoning on the basis of experience that is at least potentially common to all people" (David Ray Griffin, *Two Great Truths: A New Synthesis of Scientific Naturalism and Christian Faith* [Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004], 62). Also central to this type of theology is the rejection of "miracles," in the sense of "supernatural interruptions of the world's most fundamental causal processes" (ibid., 98). The centrality of this element in my theology is illustrated by the titles of two of my other books, *Religion and Scientific Naturalism: Overcoming the Conflicts* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2000), and *Reenchantment without Supernaturalism: A Process Philosophy of Religion* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2001). My explicit rejection of miraculous interruptions of the world's normal causal processes may make me more sensitive to this issue than are some left-wing critics of the 9/11 Truth Movement, who to me seem puzzlingly unconcerned about the official account's cavalier violations of principles that have long been considered inviolable laws of nature.

29 NIST NCSTAR 1A, Final Report on the Collapse of World Trade Center Building 7 (brief version), National Institute of Standards and Technology, November 2008, xxxvi (<http://wtc.nist.gov/NCSTAR1/PDF/NCSTAR%201A.pdf>). This document is henceforth cited simply as NIST NCSTAR 1A, which will always refer to the final (November 2008) version (as distinct from the Draft for Public Comment, which was issued in August 2008).

30 Ibid., xxxvii.

31 Ibid., xxxv.

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33 "NIST WTC 7 Investigation Finds Building Fires Caused Collapse," NIST, August 21, 2008 (<http://www.physorg.com/news138546437.html>).

34 NIST NCSTAR 1A, xxxvii.

35 NIST NCSTAR 1-9, Structural Fire Response and Probable Collapse Sequence of World Trade Center Building 7, November 2008, Vol. 1 (wtc.nist.gov/NCSTAR1/PDF/NCSTAR%201-9%20Vol%201.pdf): 341.

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(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zv7BImVvEyK&feature=related>), and David Chandler, "WTC7: NIST Finally Admits Freefall (Part III)" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3mudruFzNw>), at 2:25-4:00.

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45 Daniel Hofnung, Patriots Question 9/11 <http://patriotsquestion911.com/engineers.html#Dhofnung>.

46 Chester W. Gearhart, Patriots Question 9/11 <http://patriotsquestion911.com/engineers.html#Gearhart>.

47 Jack Keller, Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth <http://www.ae911truth.org/supporters.php?q=ENG#998929>

48 See "Danny Jowenko on WTC 7 Controlled Demolition," YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=877gr6xtQIc>. For more of the interview, "Jowenko WTC 7 Demolition Interviews," in three parts <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3DRhwRN06I&feature=related>.

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<http://www.implosionworld.com/dyk2.html>.

50 Liz Else, "Baltimore Blasters," *New Scientist* 183/2457 (July 24, 2004), 48 http://www.911research.wtc7.net/mirrors/new_scientist/BaltimoreBlast_Loizeaux.html.

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- 54** Ibid.
- 55** David Chandler, "WTC7 in Freefall - No Longer Controversial," September 4, 2008 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVCDpL4Ax7I>, at 2:45.
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Goldman Sachs accused of trying to destroy China

EU Times on August 25th, 2010

Goldman Sachs & Co., reviled in the U.S. for its role in the financial crisis, is now getting hammered in the world's No. 2 economy with a sensationalist new book accusing the investment bank of trying to destroy China.

The "Goldman Sachs Conspiracy," which has sold over 100,000 copies since it was released in June, reaching popular website Sina.com's top-10 list, follows another by author Li Delin, "Eliminate All Competitors — How Goldman Sachs Wins Over the World," published last year.

Li, a financial journalist, appears to have hit pay dirt among Chinese readers with an appetite for the would-be exposes that get prominent display in downtown bookstores, such as "Who Killed Toyota: the Truth of America's Attack" and "Currency War."

The nearly 300-page, highly dramatized account covers much of the same ground as a widely cited piece by Matt

Taibbi last year in the *Rolling Stone* magazine that portrayed the Wall Street institution as a "a great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money."

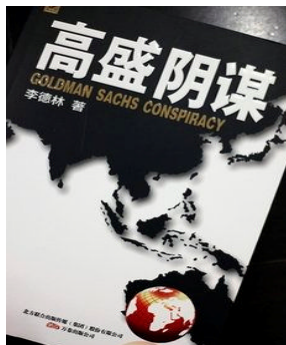
Li's book takes ample license in its attacks on Goldman Sachs. The company's ultimate goal, he says in the first chapter, is to "kill China." "Like a fox chewing a bone, Goldman Sachs knows the rules of the game and when to go for your neck," it says.

With the "cruel character of a Manchurian tiger, the group creeps around the world, like a veteran hunter stalking its prey, when it smells blood it pounces!" the chapter says.

Goldman Sachs' office in Beijing refused to comment on the book and on others of its ilk. The financial cataclysm of 2008 and ensuing global recession has resulted in a profusion of

books dissecting the role of global investment banks including Goldman Sachs.

"It reads like a novel, rather than a real story," said Peng Yunliang, a securities analyst. "Goldman Sachs has been at the eye of the storm and is seen as the culprit behind the mess. That's clearly the most popular topic on the market," he said.



Goldman was sharply criticized, especially in the U.S., for its high executive pay after it accepted a \$10 billion government bailout during the financial crisis. It also received \$13 billion from insurer American International Group Inc. after the government bailed that company out. The bank recently agreed to a record settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission over civil fraud charges.

In China, the company's business appears to have weathered well the market chaos elsewhere. The investment bank was an underwriter in the recent record-breaking \$22.1 billion initial public offering by the Agricultural Bank of China, among other big deals.

Goldman also saw handsome gains from a \$4.9 million investment in 2007 in a 12.5 percent stake in drug maker Shenzhen Hepalink, which later raised about \$864 million in an IPO that catapulted the company's little-known founders to become, at least on paper, the richest couple in China.

Li, in an online chat, said the book was no exaggeration.

"The real financial battle is even more dramatic than my book, according to my knowledge of the markets," he said.

"Goldman Sachs is the hand behind the financial crisis, maybe even its cause." He soon plans to publish a third book about the company.

The conspiracy genre and dramatized accounts of scandals are popular in China, as in many markets. China's government exerts strong control over the news media and broadcasters, but the book publishing industry has a bit freer leeway for commentary, particularly when the targets are not Communist Party officials.

The Chinese-language book also accuses Goldman Sachs of involvement in the recent Dubai and Greek debt debacles and the wider European financial and fiscal crises.

To buttress its myriad allegations, the book notes well-known links between former top Goldman Sachs executives, such as former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, and government officials in America and other countries.

It also includes copies of what appear to be U.S. court documents. They include a complaint against Goldman Sachs and Fabrice Tourre, a Goldman vice president accused of shepherding a deal at the center of SEC charges that the company sold mortgage securities without telling buyers that they had been created with input from a client that was betting on them to fail.

Last month, a U.S. federal judge approved a settlement calling for Goldman Sachs & Co. to pay \$550 million to settle civil fraud charges that the Wall Street giant misled buyers of mortgage-related investments. In the settlement, Goldman acknowledged that its marketing materials for the deal omitted important information for buyers.

The penalty was the largest against a Wall Street firm in SEC history. But the settlement amounts to less than 5 percent of Goldman's 2009 net income of \$12.2 billion after payment of dividends to preferred shareholders — or a little more than two weeks of net income.

<http://www.eutimes.net/2010/08/goldman-sachs-accused-of-trying-to-destroy-china/>

Chemical evidence relating to the 'gas chambers' at Auschwitz/ Birkenau

By Nick Kollerstrom – 30th June 2010

I used to work at University College, London, getting by as a science historian. Having written papers on various suitably obscure subjects - from Newton's lunar theory to the discovery of Neptune - three years ago I made what in retrospect looks like a rather large mistake. I began to take an interest in the published chemical evidence relating to the 'gas chambers' at Auschwitz/ Birkenau.

Maybe it was foolish to imagine that hard scientific data was of relevance in this case. It strangely turned out that I was engaging with a predominantly religious issue, and I simply became damned as a heretic.

There is no disagreement that cyanide gas chambers existed at many WW2 concentration camps. These were delousing rooms built to kill the bugs that threatened the health of the camp inmates. They were designed to keep the prisoners healthy so that they could carry out their work effectively. Their purpose was hygienic. We can nowadays agree that many tons of cyanide (in granular form as the insecticide Zyklon) was used during the WW2 for hygienic delousing technology. Before DDT was invented around 1945, Zyklon was the normal delousing method. Special gas chambers made by a firm called Degesch, 10m3 in volume, were installed in all the German labour-camps in 1942, the year

when typhus hit the camps. That epidemic is spread by bugs, so all clothing and bedding had to go repeatedly into the delousing chambers. It was a procedure designed to be safe for regular use.

These chambers still exist at four WW2 labour camp ruins, Madjanek, Dachau, Auschwitz and Birkenau, and can be easily identified because their walls are mostly turquoise blue. There is iron in the walls of the old chambers at Auschwitz and Birkenau and this combined permanently with the cyanide then used, the brick walls being very porous to the cyanide gas. These walls are blue on the inside and on the outside, showing that the cyanide soaked right through them. The blue in the walls is ferrocyanide – just like the colour in a tube of turquoise oil paint.

In contrast to these real gas chambers, the walls of the alleged human gas chambers have no such blue colouring. This simple and obvious fact was one of the first causes of skepticism for some of those who visited the camps. My contribution to 'Holocaust Studies' related to this issue: I spent a while integrating the Leuchter and Rudolf reports – the two big chemical surveys of the walls - and ascertaining what they found to be the control-background levels of residual cyanide. These are levels in samples where no-one

is suggesting that mass cyanide gassing took place. Putting together the combined measurable data of these two chemical surveys (42 samples) I got the following three groups:

Delousing chambers 5000 ppm* (15 samples) *parts per million;

Washrooms, Kitchens etc ('Controls') 2 ppm (11 samples) ;
Alleged human gas chambers 3 ppm (16 samples).

The 'official' explanation given for these figures is that 'bugs are harder to kill than humans.' No wonder the cyanide levels in the delousing chambers are higher, they had to kill all those little bugs... well, have a look at those figures. There is no significant difference between the control, background levels of cyanide (2 ppm) and those for the alleged human gas chambers (3ppm). Absolutely none. The fact that there are measurable levels for cyanide in ordinary rooms at Auschwitz is probably because of occasional fumigation to kill bugs living in cracks and crevices in the walls etc.

Whereas there is a two-thousandfold difference between the 'control' measurements and the delousing chambers – where the Zyklon was indisputably used hour after hour, day after day. Here the cyanide content, at an average value of around 5000 ppm, is about half of one percent of the samples taken.

The modern books that continue to roll off the presses about Auschwitz and 'The Holocaust' advocate a view that some Zyklon went to the delousing chambers, whereas some was 'diverted' for ghastly human use. It is important to note here that in 1946 at Nuremberg, no such dual use was posited. All knowledge of the normal, hygienic function was blotted out, and it was assumed that any can of Zyklon was for the 'human gassing.' Operators of the delousing chambers did not get to testify.

Over the years there has appeared a growing difference of opinion on the 'human gas chambers' issue... In fact it's almost hard to believe that such a vast, dizzying difference of opinion over a single issue can exist in the world today. It remains that all decent citizens believe that millions of people, mainly Jews, were gassed in huge, cyanide gas chambers, over 1942-45, as the ultimate industrialised mass killing in human history. On the other hand, there are a few down-and-out, ethically-damned loners who have the nerve to affirm that such mass human gas chambers have never existed on Planet Earth.....

Nowhere! Never!and, apart from that, had they existed they would be, in practice, totally unworkable. But that's another story.

Over the last few years I have noticed that one side of this argument proceeds by trying to debate the evidence while the other uses every time, without exception, name-calling, abuse and ethical damnation. Understandably it is a subject which many people find unbearable to discuss....but on even this 'sacred' ground the earth is moving. Since startling revelations about 9/11 have been exposed there are increasingly massed ranks of ordinary but shocked and awakened people, now terminally cynical about the capacity of the powerful to lie and deceive in the service of their own interests.

Today, I believe we should formulate the unbearable Big Questions as:

Were the deadly Nazi gas chambers of WW2 used to kill Jews.....or bugs?

Did they work to take lives.....or save them?

Did they have people or clothing, put into them? (Warning: a 'wrong' answer here can land you in jail, in ten European nations.)

I'm intrigued by historical questions with a chemical twist to them. Admittedly this one lost me half of my friends, got me thrown out of my College, made me virtually unemployable, and closed the doors of publishers and public venues. However, I cannot regret publishing what I believe to be true about this profoundly important issue. I hold the view that, if the truth about such an important matter is to remain out of bounds and beyond debate, then there is really no point in getting out of bed in the morning.

The truth has to matter. The truth about the 'human gas chambers' particularly matters because much of modern history (and modern calamities) is founded on it.

As a vision of ghastly horror it has become the Most Holy Mystery in this spiritually bankrupt culture of ours. It has a transcendental function in expressing Ultimate Evil. It even seems to be morphing into a new religion, which has replaced the suffering of Christ by the 'suffering of The Jews.' The word 'Holocaust' actually means a fiery sacrifice.

This has to be the original WMD hoax - but, more than that, the total absence of any physical or chemical evidence for it, is precisely what has lead to 'the Holocaust' taking on its present numinous, transcendental nature.

So, are we discussing science or religion? I say that a scientific, rational approach to the subject became possible for the first time in 2003, when two published, chemical investigations appeared in the English language, and were concordant. But, I noticed that my fellow countrymen behaved as if the issue was a theological question about which the expression of doubt was a most serious sin.

Personally I prefer living in the real world and that has to mean discerning the difference between what is real and illusory. It will be a Copernican Revolution when the truth on this issue becomes widely understood. The lid cannot be kept on such lies indefinitely. I'd say that Mother Nature played the trump card: slowly, after the war, the walls of those delousing chambers turned blue, as the ferrocyanide complex developed.

I believe that no happy future can lie in store for humanity, so long as we continue to believe in this nightmare-hallucination. Belief in it is a badge of enslavement, it is the supreme sacred Myth of the New World Order.

Plato in his Republic said every civilisation needed a founding myth – but, he added, that myth did not have to be true. Karl Popper the philosopher of science was shocked by this and disagreed – it had to be true, he averred. I know who I want to believe. The consequences of founding society's culture and relationships upon false narratives is provably disastrous. We get wars based on lies, global tyranny by bankers, debased, demoralised populations and now quite possibly World War Three.

<http://hrphistoricalreviewpress.blogspot.com/2010/07/chemical-evidence-relating-to-gas.html>

>>There is not a truth existing which I fear or would wish unknown to the whole world.<<

– Thomas Jefferson



DR FREDRICK TÖBEN? DIES IST GERMANY CALLING!

Indictment:

1. a) Letter to Horst Mahler www.adelaideinstitute.org
b) Obituary of Arthur Vogt www.adelaideinstitute.org
2. Robert Faurisson – the Man, the scientist and his method of exactitude VHffGf 1/2004 www.vho.org
3. Defence of lawyer Sylvia Stolz 10 April 2006 www.adelaideinstitute.org

The accused is the founder and director of the "Adelaide Institute", headquartered in Adelaide/Australia. In this capacity, the accused has been producing for years as a worldwide active and internationally known "revisionist" publications in writing and on the internet, which, is conscious disregard of the historical truth and of generally accepted historical research, deny the national socialist genocide committed against the Jews and present the holocaust as an invention for the purpose of oppressing and exploiting the German people. To this end he primarily uses his web presence www.adelaideinstitute.org with the full knowledge and intention that these pages can be and are accessed worldwide and consequently also in Germany.

The accused is therefore charged to have committed the following offences:

- a) to have incited hatred against segments of the population and to have assaulted the human dignity of others by insulting, maliciously maligning or defaming segments of the population in a manner capable of disturbing the public peace;
- b) to have publicly denied an act committed under the rule of National Socialism of the kind indicated in section 6, subsection 1 of the Code of International Criminal Law in a manner capable of disturbing the public peace;
- c) to have disparaged the memory of a deceased person;
- d) in addition, in the commission of the criminal act number 3, to have domestically distributed symbols of one of the parties or organisations indicated in section 86 subsection 1 no. 1, 2 and 4 or to have publicly used such symbols or sued them in writings disseminated by him; concurrently in one act [tateinheitlich] all of which were committed in three cases in a multiplicity of offences [tatsmehrheitlich].

Punishable as misdemeanors pursuant to section 86a subsection 1 no. 1, 130 subsection 1 no. 1, no. 2, subsection 3, 189, 194; 52, 53 StGB [German Penal Code].

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 2. DON'T EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO MOUNT A DEFENCE BECAUSE YOU HAVE NONE AVAILABLE UNDER §130, et al;
 3. DON'T BE A COWARD AND RUN FROM OUR LEGAL PROCESS WHERE MATTERS OF FACT DON'T MATTER; IT'S ENOUGH TO FIND YOUR ACTIONS are likely to disturb the public peace, TO PROVE YOUR GUILT BECAUSE YOUR CRIME IS A VICTIMLESS CRIME;
 4. YOUR GUILT IS ALREADY DETERMINED BECAUSE WE ARE CRIMINALISING YOUR THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS, WHICH YOU HAVE OPENLY/PUBLICLY EXPRESSED AND PUBLISHED ON THE INTERNET;
 5. WE HAVE INTRODUCED A NEW LEGAL CONVENTION BASED ON THE USA LEGAL SYSTEM OF MAKING DEALS, BUT ANY DONE DEAL DOES NOT LEAD TO ACQUITTAL ONLY TO A LESSER PRISON SENTENCE;
 6. IF YOU ARE HONEST IN COURT AND RE-AFFIRM YOUR BELIEF IN THE NON-EXISTENCE OF THE HOMICIDAL GAS CHAMBER MURDER WEAPON, THEN YOU ARE COMPOUNDING YOUR GUILT, AND THIS ATTRACTS ANOTHER INDICTMENT – LIE IN COURT & YOUR PRISON SENTENCE IS REDUCED;
 7. IF YOUR COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER DEFENDS YOU TOO VIGOROUSLY, THEN WE WILL CHARGE HIM WITH THE SAME CRIME OF WHICH YOU ARE GUILTY, AS WE DID RA LUDWIG BOCK IN 1999.
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