

9/11 – 12 years after

By Bo Filter

So here we are, a full dozen years since the greatest crime in US history. Still, no forensic criminal investigation with scientific support is allowed to go forward. Of notable contrast, scientists are allowed to study what a dinosaur ate just prior to its death some 60 million years ago, but a scientific study of 9/11 is not permissible. This means the cover-up of what actually happened is still in effect, enforced by the President of the United States.

In any normal criminal proceeding this blockage would be deemed *Obstruction of Justice*, a felony with automatic prison time in a federal penitentiary. Clearly then, the highest levels of government have something dreadful to hide. Let's review a few highlights of what happened and what is occurring today.

Firstly, 19 hijackers, all with Saudi Arabia names, were said to have carried out the attack. If true, an attack would have been immediately launched on Saudi Arabia. The Saudi ring leader was said to be hiding in Afghanistan, so the entire country was attacked to get him, one Osama bin Laden. First hand reports claim he died in early 2002. About the same time, President Bush nonchalantly announced that he was no longer interested in bin Laden. Was it because bin Laden was dead? If he was dead the motive for staying in Afghanistan was over.

Miraculously, President Obama claims to have killed him, a dead man. I warned at the time that we would never be shown the face of the real bin Laden. We were not shown the body. Bin Laden was allegedly buried at sea. A huge amount of blind faith is required to tail along with this war theatre as a tail to the "official" story of 9/11.

Meanwhile, poor Afghanistan is still being invaded by the US. If the US went there to get bin Laden, then why didn't they go home after he was reported dead in 2002 or after Obama's alleged great triumph? Well, the problem is that the US oil corporations still have not been able to secure the oil pipelines they covet to confiscate the Caspian basin oil fields. Conversely, Saudi Arabia was not attacked because its leaders had long before capitulated to western oil baron demands.

Like Afghanistan, US oil corporations were having trouble with Iraq. Saddam Hussein had stopped cooperating at the level desired, so was marked for regime change. Oil man and Vice-President Dick Cheney was suddenly able to imagine a connection between Hussein and 9/11, claiming he was aiding bin Laden and Al Qaeda. Years later, he admitted on the Tony Snow television show that there never had been any real evidence linking Hussein with bin Laden. More troubling to Cheney, on the same show, he also admitted that there had never been any evidence that bin Laden conducted 9/11. Both he and Snow were caught off guard by the admission. They stuttered and stammered for several seconds before Snow changed the subject to a completely different topic, much to the relief of Cheney. Like Afghanistan, US troops and mercenaries are still killing the people of Iraq, over 1.5 million dead -- why? Iraqi resistance. Iraq's oil still has not been secured by US oil interests.

The militarized corporate media, powered by oil interests, have constantly lambasted any journalist who dares to mention an oil-grab motive. The public is only supposed to believe in fighting terrorists or a humanitarian responsibility to protect. Many have forgotten about the big kaffuffle over Dick Cheney's secret meetings. When documents were finally acquired about the content of those meetings, nothing concerned any responsibility to protect or war on terror. Instead, maps had been drawn of the Middle East that served to repartition every state in such a way as to take control and export the oil from the entire region. The Bush administration was full of oil men.

Seeking control of the world's oil supply is so simple and straight forward a concept, why would anyone be surprised, yet anyone who mentions the subject must be warned not to talk about it in the corporate media world. Oil has been almost completely censored in the media. Journalists learn to self-censor if they intend to keep their jobs.

Any suspicion regarding the war on terrorism automatically leads right back to 9/11 and the question of who really sought to benefit from 9/11, certainly not 19 hijackers who were about to die. When it was discovered that seven of them were still alive, that too had to be quickly squelched in the media and remains today a subject of media taboo. Thousands of flaws in the 9/11 cover story have been exposed, some of which I discuss in earlier articles in *Lower Island News*, and new facts keep filling in the gaps of self-inflicted narrative.

Kevin Ryan's new book, ***Another 19: Investigating Legitimate 9/11 Suspects*** is a good example of exposing the inner workings of 9/11. Ryan found that Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld were best positioned to pull off 9/11. In a recent interview, Cheney admitted that he was in charge during the events of 9/11. Both Cheney and Rumsfeld entered the backroom covert games of power politics some some 30 years earlier in the Nixon administration. Nixon once said of Rumsfeld, "he's a dirty little bastard." Ryan reminds readers that both Rumsfeld and Cheney started the lies to attack Iraq in 2003.

Cheney was also behind the lies to start the first attack on Iraq in 1991, for instance, falsely claiming that Iraq had troops on the Saudi Arabia border ready to strike.

Hill & Knowlton was the public relations firm given the contract to sell that war to the US public. Remember the false story and testimony before Congress of little 14-year-old Nayirah, who cried about Iraqi soldiers taking babies out of incubators and letting them die on the cold hospital floor. The story was a complete fabrication. They couldn't give her identity for security reasons, only that she was a peasant volunteer at the hospital, when in fact she was daughter of the wealthy Kuwaiti ambassador to the United States, Saud bin Nasir Al-Sabah, who, it just so happens, was sitting four seats away from her at the Senate hearing.

In their research on how to sell the Gulf war, Hill and Knowlton had electronically wired public volunteers, then, exposed them to various speeches to see what really grabbed public sympathy. "Dying on a cold hospital floor" turned out to be a jack pot. Sentiment to attack Iraq shot up dramatically. Notice that in Obama's September 10 speech on Syria he refers to nerve gas victims dying on a cold hospital floor. One can easily wonder if Hill & Knowlton is still practicing witchcraft at the White House.

Ryan recently learned that Nayirah is 1st cousin to one of the legitimate 19 suspects in 9/11. Ryan found that all 19 suspects have been in and out of government but never out of the inner power ring. This cult of neo-conservatives began to galvanize under Reagan in a top secret group identified as continuity of government (COG). Oliver North spearheaded an operation called REX 84, which stood for Readiness Exercise 1984. The plan was to replace the government with this secret team, declared under a state of emergency. By 1998, the terminology of COG had been changed to include terrorist attacks. Earlier in 1994, David Rockefeller had openly pined for a new world dictatorial order that would need a Pearl Harbor-like event to galvanize public opinion.

Likewise, Bush insider, Phillip Zelikow co-authored a late 1998 article in *Foreign Affairs* magazine, *Catastrophic Terrorism*, speculating on the likely political, social, and psychological consequences of a new Pearl Harbor style terrorist event, such as the destruction of the World Trade Center. Zelikow suggested that the United States might respond with draconian measures scaling back civil liberties, allowing wider surveillance of citizens, detention of suspects and use of deadly force. More violence could follow, either future terrorist attacks or US counterattacks.

In other words, if this were to happen, the United States government could appear to justify a war on terrorism. So, did Zelikow simply predict or coach the government of the

benefits of a 9/11 terrorist act, or was he actually writing the script, the blue print for 9/11? Certainly, this is all worth investigating.

Once Afghanistan had been attacked, the Bush administration still needed a document to

justify an open-ended carte blanche to strike anywhere and everywhere in the world, as prescribed by the warmongers' PNAC September 2000 report, entitled, *Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategies, Forces, and Resources For a New Century*. This report is a plan to take over the world. Pulling off 9/11 would serve their goal of a one-world dictatorship, a New World Order, what President George H.W. Bush called for shortly after the collapse of the Soviet Union in December of 1991.

Who would the Bush administration call to write such a sweeping policy paper? Condoleezza Rice picked up the phone and called her old friend and ambitious Washington insider Phillip Zelikow. In September of 2002, Zelikow issued *The National Security Strategy of the United States*. Herein was the preemptive war strategy, a quasi-legal document that would be used to justify future wars of aggression, starting with the Iraq invasion in 2003.

Two months later, November 27, 2002, the 9/11 Thomas Kean Commission was established. The Bush administration needed an insider to run the commission that would keep the questioning pointed away from the White House. Zelikow is once again given the call. Appointed as executive director, he was able to misguide and censor legitimate paths of inquiry. Zelikow was the Bush administration fix man, but this fact needed to be hidden as best as possible.

Ryan says that Zelikow called in his secretary, shut the door, and informed her that she was

no longer to keep phone logs of his contacts with the White House. But Zelikow failed to cover his tracks completely, to the chagrin of one commissioner. Former Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey joined the commission in December of 2003. The very first day he began going through the files. Kerrey came across a memo that Zelikow had apparently prepared, listing all of his ties to the Bush administration, his friendship with Condi Rice, and his involvement on the transition team. Kerry immediately confronted Tom Kean, the chairman of the commission: "it's either him or me. Zelikow goes, or I go. How could you possibly have hired somebody with so many conflicts of interest to run this investigation?"

Zelikow, Cheney, and Rumsfeld are just three of Ryan's 19 other suspects. All 19 were involved with the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), which was bred from the secretive Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), started by early CIA director Allen Dulles. The JSOC carries out illegal covert operations all over the world, including kidnappings and killings. Operating from a black budget without over-sight makes them above the law. The black budget was discovered by the 1975 Frank Church Senate Committee and estimated to be conservatively \$1 trillion a year. Nothing has been done since then to rein in this rogue agency. All these operatives in the JSOC stood to gain financially from 9/11. Remember that the military budget skyrocketed after 9/11, enough that the United States spends more on the military than all the rest of the countries in the world combined.

Ryan found that another group that stood to profit immensely from 9/11 was the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), which had numerous links to 9/11, with finances closely interwoven with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI). The BCCI has been known for decades to be involved with CIA covert funding and money laundering.

The Carlyle Group also stood to gain from 9/11. Frank Carlucci, one of the other 19, was a roommate of Donald Rumsfeld at Princeton in the 1950s. He was also Carlyle's CEO and served as Ronald Reagan's Secretary of Defense. Carlyle was funded by the bin Laden family through its close business associations with the Bush family. Carlucci was run out of several countries for trying to topple their governments. He was involved with the Iran/Contra arms sales but was never investigated. More recently, he was found advising Mitt Romney on his presidential bid.

Another suspect is General Michael Canavan, hijack coordinator on 9/11. His job was to handle intercepts, but Canavan was unavailable that morning. Even his backup called in sick. Several other high-ranking officials couldn't be found when 9/11 was under way.

This all harkens back to the father of the CIA, Allen Dulles, who was a specialist at dirty tricks. As CIA director, Dulles planned the Bay of Pigs invasion for 1962, then, dropped the too-late-to-cancel plan on the desk of President Kennedy, who was enraged that he was not informed earlier, that he would be help responsible for a war he did not approve. Dulles was to direct the invasion but when the day came, Dulles left on vacation and could not be located. Kennedy was blamed for the failed invasion.

The President fired Dulles, realizing that Dulles had set him up to fail. Kennedy then launched an investigation into the CIA. He discovered that the CIA had been turned into a rogue element. Refusing to take orders from Kennedy, the President decided the CIA had to be destroyed. Dulles learned what Kennedy was planning and struck back first, as the volumes of data on the JFK assassination now attest. The upshot here is that disappearing leaders in times of crisis events are a red flag that a covert operation is under way, unbeknownst to the masses, who become audience to the grand over-show that is unfolding.

Ryan reports that one year prior to 9/11 Canavan was given the top job at JSOC. Immediately, he began running mock 9/11 terrorist attacks, continuing throughout the year. One should not be criticized for being skeptical of the fact that a man well-practiced in a 9/11 event would be mysteriously unavailable on the day that such an event actually took place.

General Ralph Eberhart got promoted for failing to do his job. On 9/11 Eberhart was responsible for several simulated terrorist attack training sessions occurring exactly at the same time as the real attack. Just under 12 hours before the attack, Eberhart ordered that Infocon protection be dropped to its lowest level. Infocon is responsible for protecting military computers from cyber-attack. One of the exercises, Vigilant Guardian inserted overlay data on air traffic radar screens, causing great confusion as to whether or not the

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Northbrook Street, Belfast, Ireland, 1968

By Ron Duffy

Below Queen's University in Belfast were the gasworks, the old Dickensian linen mills and factories, the seamy depression of dockland and the shipyards, the bleak streets of the Markets area and Mountpottinger. These were predominantly Catholic neighbourhoods: poor, slummy crib-lands of contention and of discontent.

In 1968 the students at the university, Protestant as well as Catholic, tended to look down to this part of Belfast rather than upwards to the rich heights of Malone. Sympathy, like water, runs downhill into depressions. In Belfast it flowed like the floods of the Nile into the low-lying Catholic districts. There it encountered the seeds of resentment, the ripe seeds of rebellion. "While we are laughing," wrote Keats in a letter, "the seed of some trouble is put into the wide arable land of events—while we are laughing it sprouts, it grows and suddenly bears a poison fruit which we must pick."

No one was laughing in 1968. The fathers had eaten the poison fruit and the children's teeth were set on edge. The taste was of aloes and gall. And the source of the bitterness did not make sense to many students. The implacable envy of Protestant and Catholic for each other's Northbrook Street. They were mangy mongrel curs sniffing each other's asses and snarling. And the pampered, full-bred dogs and bitches of Malone ate steak and won prizes at shows.

No, it did not make sense. The Protestant Northbrook Streets could be found replicated in Catholic Northbrook Streets



Northbrook Street

across the Bog Meadows in the Falls area. The only difference between the Protestant Shankill and the Catholic Falls was the graffiti on the walls. The people who lived in both areas were all poor, all proletarian, all proud: women in headscarves and drab coats carrying shopping bags; men in dungarees and old jackets with lunch boxes in bags over their shoulders; the same men and women as in any working-class area of the city, whether Protestant or Catholic. They were all unforgiving, all unforgetting. They ignored the social and political grievances they shared and fought on the only difference that divided them: their religion.

Why were they not united in one political party, struggling for a better way of life

for the working man, irrespective of his religion?

What had happened to the lofty ideals of the Protestant Republican and revolutionary, Wolfe Tone, and the eighteenth-century United Irishmen? "To subvert the tyranny of our execrable government," Tone wrote in 1791, "to break the connection with England, the never-failing source of all our political evils, and to assert the independence of my country, these were my objects. To unite the whole people of Ireland, to abolish the memory of past dis-

sensions, and to substitute the common name of Irishman, in place of the denominations of Protestant, Catholic and Dissenter, these were my means."

Those ideals provided the only existing sensible definition of what a sadly decreasing number of Irishmen meant when they talked of being Republicans. Those ideals and the republican definition they enshrined had vanished in a thickening fog of religious rhetoric and prejudice.

Wolfe Tone was no longer the beau-

ideal of Irish rebels. The Irish rabble army of inhuman fanatics, who were known as the Provisional IRA, were as far removed from Wolfe Tone as a city sewer from a mountain stream. The unspeakable Russian Nechayev was more their beau-ideal. Their black, satanic ranks had no place for a Wolfe Tone.

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attack was an exercise or real. Curiously, Eberhart could not be reached. According to Ryan, Eberhart had taken a lingering one hour drive to a location that normally takes 12 minutes.

The question of simulated verses a live terrorist attack is best put to Webster Griffin Tarpley, author of *9/11: Synthetic Terror*. Tarpley explains in detail how to conduct a self-inflicted terrorist attack as was 9/11. In short, computer operators at the command centers running exercises concurrent with the actual 9/11 attack are unaware that amongst them are a couple of operators who work for the perpetrators. These *mole's* as Tarpley describes them, are able to punch in key signals to make the exercise go live without the other operators knowing what is happening. Perhaps this computer hacking was only possible under a low Infocon alert. You can imagine why investigators would like to question General Eberhart. Critical to understanding how 9/11 was pulled off, simulated exercises were necessary to hide the actual attack.

The goal of the self-inflicted 9/11 attack was served, to unleash an unending string of wars. The latest US invasions are part of the renegade government's "full spectrum dominance," their new world dictatorial order. Their quest requires a permanent military state with a permanent standing army.

The tragedy for the people of the United States is the fact that their Constitution forbids the creation of a standing army, which the founders understood, would lead to a military state. They can have a temporary army with the idea of defending America from a land invasion, but not one that gets grounded in the political matrix and then grows into a monster like the Military Industrial Complex, which in its entirety, gulps down \$2 trillion annually. Article 1: Section 8 of the US Constitution includes: "To raise and support armies, but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years."

US wars have never stopped since World War II. I have not found anyone from the public or the government who is aware of this two year limitation of funding. Curiously, politicians don't seem to be elected on their ability to read and understand the Constitution, let alone carry out its mandate. The Bush administration made clear that the so-called war on terrorism will not end in our life time. Permanent war spells permanent profits for the war industry. The Pentagon's destabilization program is really a marketing tool. The more chaos in the world they can produce, the greater the supposed need for military security, and the greater the need for military defense, the greater the profit for warmongers, antisocial persons who suffer from a Criminal Aggressor Personality Disorder.³

There is a way to turn this madness around. Public domain tribunals on 9/11 have been conducted. Forensic evidence has been presented. Since the crimes of government inherently lead to blocking self-incriminating investigations, the public must resolve itself to establishing a parallel legal system with subpoena power to question all suspects and witnesses involved. These tribunals have revealed that the sophistication and talent is already in place. People must gather and start to press for recognition of the work of these tribunals. Don't count on law enforcement agencies to help. They fear for their careers and won't rock the boat. The general public must stand up to hegemony and the abuse of power. The hierarchical power structure is under review. Masses of people are connecting through the internet. Flash parties may lead to flash protests. A million people bearing down on the Pentagon just might be the trip-wire for its disintegration.

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(Endnotes)

1 See my earlier articles that give greater detail, including Zelikow's writing of the final commission report before the proceedings really got started.

2 Philip Shenon, investigative reporter with the *New York Times*. He was the paper's lead reporter on the 9/11 Commission. He is author of *The Commission: The Uncensored History of the 9/11 Investigation*. This citing gleaned from February 05, 2008 interviewed on Democracy Now with Amy Goodman.

3 See my book for a full explanation.

Noli timere

By Ron Duffy

"How can you live without God.?"

Paul Kirkpatrick, the main character in my novel *Crossed Lives*, asks his friend Roger Foxe that self-torturing question. Roger replies, "If there is no God and no heaven, well, you'll never know. You'll go back to what you were before you came into this world. You'll return to an eternity of non-existence. You've been there before. And you didn't worry too much about it then. So why worry yourself into a depression now? Forget about it. Let it wait until you die. It'll sort itself out then."

To say that there is nothing new under the sun is to mouth a cliché. Recently I discovered that the Roman rhetorician and orator, Seneca, 2,000 years ago, gave the same answer, but expressed it better, in one of his essays. "Death is just not being," he wrote. "What that is like I know already. It will be the same after me as it was before me. If there is any torment in the later state, there must also have been torment in the period before we saw the light of day; yet we never felt conscious of any distress then...We suffer somewhat in the intervening period, but at either end of it there is a deep tranquillity."

Seneca was known as a Stoic, and I have lived most of my own life as best I could as a Stoic. Stoicism is a school of Hellenistic philosophy founded in Athens by Zeno of Citium in the early 3rd century BC. It counsels that perfection and contentment can be reached through reason, simple living, social equality, and indifference to pain and death.

Perhaps the best-known Stoic was Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor, 161-180 AD, one of my exemplars, one of the men I greatly admire and would emulate were I able.

The *Meditations* of Marcus Aurelius is one of my favourite books, one that has had a great influence on me. I once lent it to a fundamentalist Christian friend and even he was greatly impressed by it. "Be content with what you are," Marcus Aurelius wrote, "and wish not change; nor dread your last day, nor long for it."

When in Rome I would not miss a visit to the Piazza del Campidoglio, designed by Michelangelo on the Capitoline Hill, because there in its centre stands Michelangelo's statue of Marcus Aurelius on horseback, "one of the most famous and influential sculptures in the world." The horse is full of spirit, right forefoot raised, neck

arched, body all a quiver, ready and eager for action. A sentence from Maxwell Staniforth's Introduction to the *Meditations* suits this statue perfectly: "...from the lonely height on which he stands he contemplates the sorrows of mortality with eyes that are disillusioned yet serene."

Stoicism teaches us "to die well". Of the emperor himself Staniforth writes: "So long as men are attracted by the tears and triumphs of human goodness, Marcus Aurelius will not lack readers. Wistful, compassionate, and disenchanted, this last of the Stoics still puts our weakness to shame and our discontent to silence."

Death is not a subject I dwell on too often. These present thoughts have been prompted by the recent untimely passing of the incomparable Irish poet Seamus Heaney. The last words that Heaney is widely reported to have said to his wife, Marie, just before his death, were—in his beloved Latin—"Noli timere." "Do not be afraid." These are Stoic words if ever I heard them.

In this Age of Fear in which we now live, fear for the most part deliberately manufactured for political and economic interests, that should be our motto: *Noli timere*. Be not afraid.

Ron reviews:

THE ART OF THE IMPOSSIBLE, by G. Meggs and R. Mickleburgh, HARBOUR PUBLISHING

This long overdue book sets out the establishment of the famed and unique BC Agricultural Land Reserve by Dave Barrett's short lived government and which was defeated, some believe, via the efforts of the powerful Fraser Institute. Barrett also set up the BC ambulance service and was big one college creation. A timely tomb.

FALSE WITNESS, by Eric Nelson, WEST HOUSE PUBLISHING

This novel describes a famous Saskatchewan murder. A compelling crime story, it reminds the reader of the infamous political Thatcher murder case. Journalist Nelson has produced what will probably be a best seller. A great read.

UNLIKELY LOVE STORIES, by Mike McCordell, HARBOUR PUBLISHERS

Lots of little stories of love, kindness and unselfishness. An inspiring book The author, an ex-crime reporter, teaches the readers how to go through life with the best of results. --Ron MacIsaac