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Synchronicity, Myth, and the New World Order

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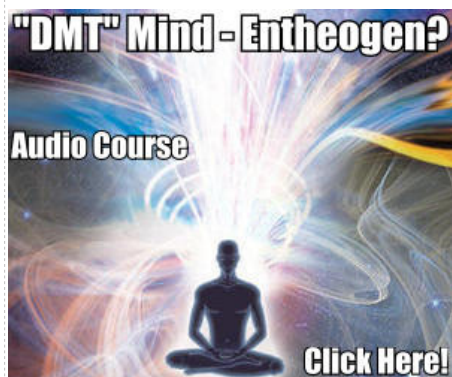
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Looking out upon the horrid ruin we seem to have made of the planet, in spite of the kind hearts and good intentions of the vast majority of human beings, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that some nefarious force has hijacked civilization, driving it towards ends that serve almost no one.

If we are headed for a future that no one would consciously choose, it stands to reason, some say, that we are *not* choosing; that something else, unfriendly to human welfare, is choosing for us.

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Deeper study of certain pivotal events in history strengthens this conclusion. The official explanations of the Kennedy assassination or 9/11 are riddled with contradictions that are difficult to explain. Ominous coincidences pile up and make patterns, pointing toward a conscious agency orchestrating these events toward sinister goals. Diving deeper, one discovers patterns of patterns that ultimately coalesce into an alternate history of the world.

The alternate history explains world events as resulting from the machinations of a powerful, dark cabal of secret organizations comprising the global elite: the banks, wealthy families like the Rockefellers and Rothschilds, non-official organizations like the Bilderburg Council, organized crime, shadowy agencies within the government, secret societies like Skull and Bones and the Freemasons, and so on. Behind them all is a group even more secret, comprising the true rulers of earth, who count even prime ministers and presidents among their puppets. Some theorist say that these Illuminati who hold the reins of power are human beings; others say that they have extraterrestrial allies, or that this group is controlled by, or consists of, ETs. Their goal, it is said, is to impose a New World Order (NWO) in which their dominion is complete.

In addition, the dark cabal that rules the earth is purported to have powerful secret technologies at its disposal. Weather control, mind control, energy weapons, artificially created diseases like Lyme and Swine Flu, and other near-magical technologies enable them to destroy any opposition and control us in ways we barely suspect. Always they are seeking to impose new forms of tyranny, to extend their dominion over mind and matter.

The purpose of this essay is not to debunk conspiracy theories or uphold the dominant historical narrative. Rather, I will advance a third explanation that respects and transcends both. Most critiques of conspiracy theories dispute the author's evidence, logic, and sources, and impugn his sanity, intelligence, or integrity. I will not do that. While such critiques often have merit, they tend to go after the low-hanging fruit: the sloppiest authors, the weakest points of their theses, the most easily explained of their evidence. Giving the best of the genre a fair reading, however, the impartial reader realizes that something strange is going on.

Moreover, the NWO conspiracy theory, whatever its flaws, bears some important truths. For one thing, it speaks to our sense that there is something deeply wrong in the world, something that is right in front of our faces yet that we are too blind to see. The NWO hypothesis feels validating and liberating. In the end, though, many people find it to be disempowering; as I shall describe, it subtly feeds into the mentality behind the very same conditions that it aspires to change. It robs us of our power and helps maintain the status quo. How does this happen, and how can its liberating potential be realized? To answer this question, let us begin with a meta-level critique of the NWO thesis, and conspiracism in general, a critique that opens the door toward integrating both the NWO and the dominant narrative into a larger framework.

The Futility of Control

Are there really ultra-intelligent, ultra-competent people on top whose plans actually work and whose technologies actually succeed in molding the world to their plans? Or are the elites of our civilization as confused and scared as the rest of us, responding to events that, at every turn, take on a life of their own? The futility of control is written into the fabric of reality. Complex non-linear systems such as a body

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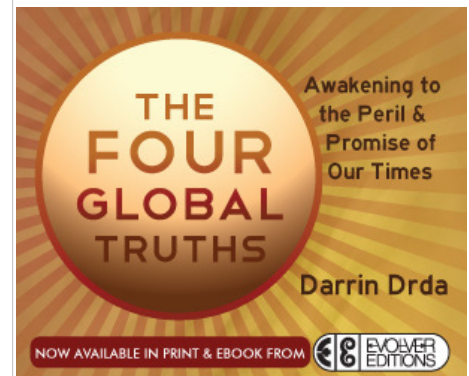
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or a society are inherently unpredictable. Of course, those in power try to maintain control and often wreak awful damage in so doing, but generally speaking it is events that control them, and not the other way around.

Conspiracy theories ascribe a degree of competence, foresight, and efficiency to the controlling organizations that is generally foreign to human institutions. We live in a civilization built on control, on the idea that we can order the world through material and social technology and, once we perfect those technologies, win the war against nature, against disorder, against uncertainty. But in fact, the world is messy, chaotic, and unpredictable, and no matter how tightly we attempt to orchestrate events, control slips through our grasp like mud through a clenched fist. We are immersed in an ideology that says that with the next technological revolution, with next medical innovation, or the next set of comprehensive regulations, finally we will get all the messy variables under control and live in an orderly, secure world.

The conspiracists agree with a defining precept of our civilization: that the world is fundamentally amenable to control. They think that this power to control has been turned toward evil, but do not dispute the technocratic doctrine that society and the material world can be endlessly improved through the methods of science: gathering information, making plans, eliminating variables, applying force, and so on. To believe that the NWO conspiracy is even possible is to conform to one of the primary motivating and justifying beliefs underlying totalitarianism. The NWO believers are not as radical as they think.

We have been betrayed. After centuries of sacrifice on the altar of technological development, we harbor a deep disappointment and anger. We export that anger onto the Illuminati, or whoever it is that has robbed us of The Future. Surely this technological utopia exists - it has only been withheld from us, and the technologies of paradise turned toward nefarious ends. But the real problem is deeper than that. It is the paradigm of control itself that causes us to sacrifice everything in pursuit of a mirage.

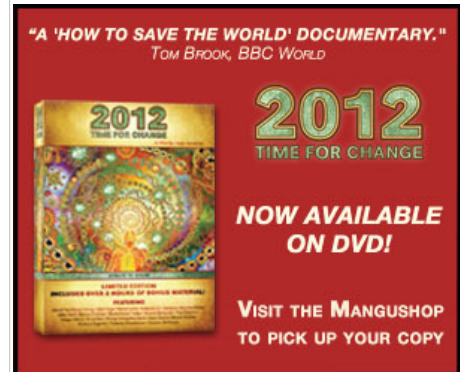
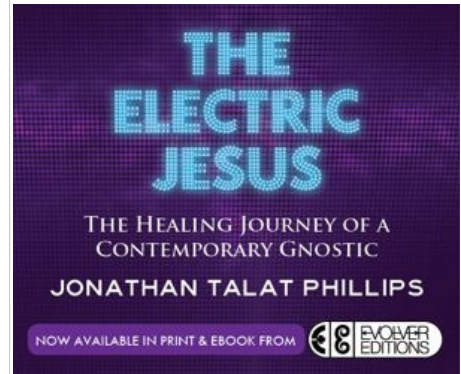
The Dynamics of Command

A staple of conspiracy theories is the idea that "President Obama is a puppet" or that, "Even David Rockefeller is taking orders from higher up." So let us look into the social dynamics of hierarchies. For someone to obey orders, either the command-giver must have direct physical power over the subordinate (for example, a literal gun to the head), or both commander and commandee must be embedded in a social institution that legitimizes and enforces the command. An obvious example of the latter is the army. When a colonel gives an order to a major, the latter obeys not because he is afraid the colonel will beat him up if he refuses, but because both are part of a web of (mostly implicit) agreements. Ultimately, if he doesn't comply with the order, *someone* (say military police) might beat him up or imprison him, but that happens as well because the web of agreements includes consequences for violating them. We could say that colonel, major, military police, and the rest all share a common "story of the army".

What about the global conspiracy? What social institution exists that would legitimize orders issued to David Rockefeller or Barack Obama? The story of the army is embedded in larger legitimizing stories that ultimately encompass the legitimacy of the government, the value of money, an interpretation of history, a system of values and morals, and more. What infrastructure exists that would allow direct

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hierarchical control over Obama or Rockefeller? Hierarchies cannot exist in a social vacuum. They require a system of indoctrination and acculturation along with numerous supporting institutions.

Consider, for example, the idea that the World Trade Center towers fell due to demolition charges placed inside the buildings by government operatives. For them to be willing to do this, they would have to exist nearly in a separate social universe, inculcated with values very different from those of the rest of society. Contrary to the impression given by Hollywood movies, people don't commit acts like this out of pure unreasoning evil. They do so in conformity to a culturally-embedded world-view. I could see how Islamic Jihadists, inflamed by radical imams and outraged by the devastation that American imperialism has wreaked on their society, could hatch a plot to strike a blow at the "Great Satan". But what would it take for American demolitions experts to commit mass murder against their own compatriots? What would it take for *you*, dear reader, to do it? What kind of alternate education, acculturation, indoctrination would you have to go through to commit and then keep secret such an act? Who would administer this education? How would the operation, and the whole educational and support infrastructure around it, be kept secret from the rest of society? Are the low-paid works in building security, or the majority of decent folks at the CIA or NSA in on it too? Basically, for a conspiracy of this scale to exist, there would have to be an entire parallel society hidden within our own, complete with a full set of parallel institutions to create people with a very different culture among us.

Reread that last sentence through a metaphoric lens for a hint of where this essay is headed.

Psychological addiction

I have noticed that conspiracy theories have a very strong emotional appeal -- at least to some people. Believers like to think that they are impartially choosing their belief because they are more rational, more intelligent, or more open-minded than all those benighted, deluded "sheeple" out there. Two people look at the same set of facts and draw different conclusions. Is that choice a function of intelligence and reason? Or could it be that we choose interpretations to meet psychological and emotional needs?

One indication of the emotional appeal of conspiracy theories is their addictive nature. When I visited the conspiracy state of being some time ago, I found myself constantly checking certain websites, and feeling a kind of gratification at each discovery of some new outrage. Other than that, it was a very dark and heavy state of being that I visited, full of gloomy cynicism and a superficial feeling of superiority that didn't even fool myself. I've heard from people for whom this became a full-fledged addiction. They spend hours every day reading about the machinations of the New World Order, and go through intense withdrawal whenever they miss their "fix".

Believers spend lots of time getting "informed", but do they really act upon that information? Some do, I suppose: they move to an armed compound in Idaho or hide gold coins in their basement. But most go on with life as usual. How are they any different from their neighbors? Their eyeballs linger over Alex Jones' website rather than NPR's, but to what end? They may believe themselves to be among the canny, righteous few, fighting against evil on behalf of the ignorant masses, but mostly they do nothing. Like any addiction, addiction to conspiracy websites or the closely related end-of-the-world websites disempowers people, and actually helps maintain the status quo.

Belief in conspiracy theories is not one of several emotionally coequal world-view alternatives. It is part and parcel of an emotional, psychological, and spiritual state of being. That state of being is a victim state. The belief that events are controlled by malevolent people far more powerful than ourselves, that any attempt at change is futile in the face of the tremendous powers arrayed against us, leaves no alternative but to carve out a small, safe realm of rebellion-in-private. If there were indeed a global conspiracy, it would be quite happy with this result. Paradoxically, then, we might say that the idea that there is a global conspiracy is itself a lie propagated by the global conspiracy.

Non-falsifiability

One of the most common criticisms of conspiracy theories is that they are non-falsifiable, since any contradictory evidence can be written off as a fabrication, a false trail, or so forth. A conspiracy, moreover, must be well-hidden -- lack of evidence is itself evidence! What is less frequently acknowledged is that the alternatives to conspiracy theories are very nearly non-falsifiable as well. Anyone who comes forth to expose a conspiracy can be labeled a fraud or a madman, and nearly anything can be written off as coincidence. We are faced, as we are so often in life, with two narratives that can, with perhaps a bit of stretching, account for all of the facts. How then to choose?

Much as we would like to think otherwise, evidence and logic cannot bring certainty. Nor, as numerous social psychology experiments demonstrate, are they the primary determinants of our judgments and choices. Despite the epithets hurled back and forth, neither side of, say, the 9/11 conspiracy issue is stupid. Critics of conspiracy theories paint their proponents as naïve, unsophisticated, and guilty of obvious selection biases and a host of elementary errors in research and logic. I have found such critiques unsatisfactory. They certainly apply to the worst of the genre, but not always to the best.

Reasonable people can, depending on their vantage point and life situation, look at the same set of events and form different beliefs about them. These beliefs then become a filter that determines what they see and, indeed, what they look for. It is as if they enter separate but parallel realities. As we shall see, there is more to this appearance than meets the eye.

The War against Evil

Among conspiracism's psychological payoffs that it provides someone to blame, to hate, and perhaps to fight in a world of otherwise incomprehensible injustice and horror. Paradoxically, even though it casts us as victims of super-powerful conspirators, it also provides a kind of control. After all, if the source of evil in the world today is the conspirators, then the solution is quite clear: expose and remove them. If there is no conspiracy -- if, for instance, evil is endemic to the world or an emergent property of organizations -- then we are even more helpless. Even if as a practical matter we cannot hope to defeat the conspiracy, at least we *understand* why things are the way they are. We know a solution, even if it be out of reach.

That solution, to put it succinctly, is to conquer evil. Conspiracism offers an external evil and thereby exculpates us from our own complicity in the awful things happening on earth today. We can think, "If only I were in charge, I would run things very differently than the New World Order Illuminati, because I am a decent person, not evil like they are."

The paradigm that sees human affairs -- and even cosmic processes -- as a war between good and evil has deep roots, originating with the first agricultural civilizations. It was then that the concept of evil arose, mirroring the growing oppositional relationship to nature implicit in the taming of the wild. Rather than being seen as integral parts of the whole, such things as weeds, wolves, and locusts became threats to human well-being and the object of extermination campaigns - campaigns that are still with us today. The chaotic forces of nature were identified with evil, while good was associated with the bringing of order to nature and to human affairs. If only, someday, our control over nature and society could be complete, the thinking goes, then good will reign on earth and suffering be minimized or even, with nanotechnology and neuro-engineering, eliminated. Evil will have been conquered.

When new political movements come to power, they often bring with them the idea of eliminating evil. Whether it is the Nazi Holocaust or the Stalinist purges, the result is usually bloody, regardless of how evil is identified. In other words, the idea of evil begets evil. We may add, then, a second paradox to the one above. In the war between good and evil, a great weapon of the forces of evil is the notion that there is a war between good and evil.

Conspiracism gives new guise to a very old thoughtform (that the horror of our world is caused by forces of evil) that is becoming obsolete. We can see its obsolescence both in our changing attitudes toward nature, which no longer hold it as an object of conquest and exploitation, and in newly ascendant spiritual beliefs that emphasize the integration and transcendence of dualities. In social psychology as well, a new movement called situationism contends that the totality of our external and internalized circumstances, rather than some disposition toward good or evil, determines our choices.

In fields as disparate as physics, psychology, ecology, and spirituality, people are understanding that what happens "out there" is intimately connected to what happens "in here"; that self and world are interdependent and mutually co-constructed. A dark conspiracy controlling world events mirrors the same inside ourselves. When I say "ourselves" I don't mean some people and not others and certainly not us good guys. I mean you, me, and everyone.

Herein may lie an important truth encoded in conspiracy theories: not a factual truth, but a mythological truth. There *does* seem to be a conspiracy running inside my psyche that keeps me enslaved to fear and greed; that indeed possesses technologies of mind control; that presents the whole world through a filter of lies; that is associated somehow with the reptilian part of my brain; that manipulates me to serve an agenda inimical to my authentic happiness. Everything that the Illuminati are purported to do to the world, we do to ourselves. Could it be that when we see an evil cabal controlling the world, we are actually seeing the projection of our own egos?

And, because our collective institutions mirror the prevailing psychodynamics of our time, could it be that story of the New World Order conspiracy, despite its flaws, gives us a window onto some important truths about our society?

The Matrix of Synchronicity

The aforementioned shortcomings in the New World Order (NWO) hypothesis are not cause to dismiss it entirely, for the nature of the flaws points to some deep truths. The conspiracists *are* onto something, something that is actually even more radical -- and far more hopeful -- than they imagine. So let us consider a riddle: If there

is no conspiracy in the normal sense, then how to explain the evidence pointing to one? Let us not throw out the baby with the bathwater. When you look into the Kennedy assassination, or the history of suppression of unconventional energy technologies, or the cancer industry and the criminalization of alternative therapies, or any number of other issues, it sure can look like a conspiracy. If there isn't one, then we must discover some third explanation that doesn't turn a blind eye to some very incongruous events.

You may not think there is any such evidence. You may think that the well-documented human capacity to make meaning and perceive patterns where none exist is sufficient to explain the conspiracists' conclusions. After having read a fair amount of the literature with an open mind, I find that explanation too quickly dismissive. Even discounting the considerable selection bias that filters the evidence presented in conspiracy books, many of the coincidences remain striking. Moreover, there is something uncanny about the facility with which certain events lend themselves to conspiracy hypotheses. It is as if they are begging for it; for example, Jack Ruby killing Lee Harvey Oswald before he could talk in court about his motive for assassinating President Kennedy. It looks like a conspiracy. It smells like a conspiracy. But is it a conspiracy?

In the last section I suggested that perhaps when we see conspiracies, we are seeing a reflection of something inside ourselves, building stories and imposing patterns onto reality. But perhaps there is more to the story: What if, in addition to predisposing us to see patterns that aren't there, our emotions and beliefs actually attract experiential data that fits them? What if, for example, the psychic energy beneath conspiracism organizes events to fit into a conspiracy pattern, so that it looks like a conspiracy even if there are no actual conspirators?

Consider some of the events surrounding 9/11: numerous military exercises that very day that tied up and confused a military response; blatant contradictions in official accounts in the near aftermath of the attack; suppression of the air traffic control logs for the flights; suppression of contradictory news broadcasts and their removal from news site archives; the miraculously quick identification of the hijackers despite the fact (at least according to some websites) that their names never appeared on the passenger manifests; the subsequent anthrax attack using anthrax from a government bioweapons lab; the 9/12 "Bin Laden Airlift" that evacuated members of the family from the United States, and so on. Each of these, on their own, admits to an innocent explanation. But to say that their confluence is mere coincidence strains credibility. One is tempted to conclude that these events must have been orchestrated somehow.

But what if they *are* coincidence -- *but coincidence isn't what we think it is*: Perhaps coincidence is not random, but orchestrated (not by a conscious human agency) into patterns that conform to certain belief systems and meet certain psychological needs. As illustrated earlier, people with certain emotional or psychological needs are attracted to conspiracy theories. Well, the reverse might also be true: patterns of events that look like conspiracies are attracted to needs that exist in human society. Together these form what we might call a "matrix of synchronicity" that is grist to the conspiracy mill.

This possibility opens up even deeper problems, however. For one thing, it inverts traditional scientific notions of causality, resting wholly in the realm of the Aristotelian "final cause," the teleological explanation of, "It happened *in order that*..." That a constellation of events could just happen, without design, yet accomplish something seemingly purposive, is profoundly disturbing to the reductionism-steeped mind. For there to be design, we think, there must be a designer. From this perspective, conspiracism is actually not very

radical at all. While appearing to occupy opposing poles of opinion, conspiracy believers actually agree with their conventional counterparts on a deeper issue: that overwhelming evidence of a conspiracy means there is probably a conspiracy. They merely disagree whether such evidence exists. My disagreement with conspiracism is of a different sort. I accept (at least more than the skeptics do) much of their evidence, and I accept that it looks like events have been orchestrated by a conspiracy. But for the reasons given, I find the New World Order myth just as unsatisfying as the conventional point of view it merely draws specious signals from random noise.

I want to emphasize just how radically mind-twisting the matrix-of-synchronicity explanation really is. I am saying: "These patterns of events are drawn to history because we need them to flesh out conspiracy theories and give expression to the psychological energies driving those theories." It is as if events organize themselves around some kind of field that makes them appear to have a causal linkage even when they do not.

Shadow Realities

A second and related problem that the matrix of synchronicity opens up is, if anything, even more deeply challenging to our way of thinking. For here is another thing on which skeptic and conspiracist secretly agree: that there is an objective fact-of-the-matter as to whether a conspiracy exists. One side thinks it does and the other thinks it doesn't, but both agree that either it does or it doesn't. Both, in other words, agree on the doctrine of objectivity: that there is a reality out there, a set of events that actually happened, and that while our knowledge of them may be incomplete, the events themselves happened or did not happen independent of our knowledge of them. It is only a matter, then, of finding out the truth, the facts.

That both skeptic and believer share this doctrine is unsurprising, for it lies at the very foundation of the scientific method. We try to find out the way things *really* are, what *really* happened. Such locutions reveal the unquestioned assumption of objectivity. But what if this assumption is false? What if there is no independently existing reality "out there"; what if reality is a dialogic construct between self and other? I will not go to deeply into the philosophic history of this idea, except to say that I am not propounding solipsism and am well familiar with the classic refutations of it. For the present purpose, suffice it to say that perhaps conspiracies occupy an intermediate ontologic state, what one might call a shadow reality. They exist in a realm less real than, say, the U.S. Congress, but more real than Batman or Santa Claus.*

The realm in which the New World Order (NWO) conspiracies exist has its own history, its own logic, its own emotional complexes, its own experiences. The more one enters that belief system, the more experience confirms it. These confirmations can be very tangible: illness from chemtrails, sightings of black unmarked helicopters, discoveries of unidentifiable implants, anonymous death threats, and so forth.

I once had a conversation with a leader in the 9-11 Truth movement, a very credible, emotionally stable, down-to-earth woman, generous, broad-minded, intelligent, and full of good humor. She related quite a few strange experiences that happened at the peak of her activism. Once, she was pulled over on the highway by a squad of seven police cars, taken into custody, and then released hours later with no charges, no explanation, and subsequently no admission that it ever happened. She also received a strange package in the mail filled with Russian

documents. We would like to think, either, that these events were orchestrated by some New World Order operative as a warning, or, that she is confabulating or consciously lying. What I'm saying here, however, is that perhaps these events were attracted to her because she had entered quite deeply the reality in which such things happen.

Let's take it further: What of the secret operative? Does he exist or doesn't he? Well, perhaps he too has a shadow existence: he exists in the shadow reality of the NWO, but not in the broadest consensus reality. What if the operative is, say, an insurance agent, who sometimes blacks out or is taken over by an alternate personality and does inexplicable things like take his grandfather's Russian papers from his attic and mails them to a random address that just so happens to be my friend's? A leading conspiracy writer, David Icke, comes close to saying this when he states, "...often the most significant operatives in the Illuminati hide behind apparently 'ordinary' lives while dictating the agenda and attending human sacrifice rituals." Could it be that these operatives are hidden, by their ordinary lives, even from themselves?

What if you went to ask the police officers who pulled her over, and they claimed with all apparent sincerity to have no memory of it. But suppose one says, "That's funny, something you said sounds familiar - I think I had a dream about this." Then, under hypnotic regression, he recalls just the incident the woman describes. Is this a "real" memory? You inquire further and find that several of the officers had a "missing time" episode that day. It seems like they pulled the woman over and then forgot about it. Was there some conscious agency that compelled them to do so? Or was it just a piece of the aforementioned matrix of synchronicity?

Following such questions, we eventually might develop doubts about what it means to say that my friend "really" was pulled over by seven police cars. We might look at the police record -- did such an incident happen? We find no record. Of course not -- it has been expunged. But maybe we do find a record, that disappears the next time we check. Maybe we, as investigators, get sucked down the rabbit hole: the more we investigate, the more evidence we find, but it is only ever enough to confirm it to ourselves, not to others. When we try to convince others, the documents we need are unavailable, key sources mysteriously disappear or change their story... We begin to wonder about our own sanity. We seem to be living in a world in which the conspiracy exists for us, but not for most other people. Yet it is not all in our heads - real things are happening to us.

It is as if the events are happening for you, but not for me; that in one universe, the police raid really did happen, and in another universe it did not -- and both these universes coexist on earth. Steeped in the doctrine of objectivity, we would like to think there is a "fact of the matter", an absolute reality in which it either did or did not happen, independent of our knowledge. But perhaps reality is not like that. Perhaps reality is relational, co-created, and never just "out there."

The shadowy nature of these down-the-rabbit-hole realities comes through in certain conspiracist writings that refer to reptilian alien races, the true puppet masters, who control the Illuminati from the fourth dimension. This reference to the "fourth dimension" encodes an implicit acknowledgment that these beings don't "exist" in the three-dimensional Cartesian matrix of our objectivity-based worldview. They occupy an intermediate state, again, somewhere between Michael Jordan and Santa Claus.

Another clue lies in the common NWO belief that a gigantic network of tunnels, secret bases, and entire cities lies beneath our own, a whole parallel world. Is their existence literally subterranean, or is it, rather,

subconscious? Or neither/both? When you go looking for them, you find them; or perhaps they come looking for you if you are in the right psychological state. You find mysterious maps, ominous references, eerie stories from retired Department of Energy officials. But, if you approach the matter from a different mindset and a different state of being, you find nothing unexplainable. The maps have other interpretations, the former officials seem not credible. *For you*, there is nothing to find. You occupy a universe in which it doesn't exist. Paradoxically, the conspiracists and the skeptics are both right.

In most organizations I have encountered there is a conspiracy of silence that hides the organization's true goals. This secret, shadow organization is nearly coextensive with its visible constituency, meaning that we are each members of the conspiracy to enslave humanity; we are victims and perpetrators both. At one time or another, all of us have contributed to the "reptilian agenda" of maximizing power and control over others. This agenda has a personal and a collective dimension. Personally, it is the egoic, even psychopathic behavior projected onto the secret rulers of the world. Collectively, it is the propensity of organizations, even those founded with great and sincere idealism, to succumb eventually to the service of their own survival interest. Their stated mission becomes an afterthought, a justification for their secret purpose of self-preservation. Certainly on a metaphorical level, the New World Order hypothesis is true. Follow it down the rabbit hole and it becomes not only true, but also real.

The divergence of reality and truth is confusing to the objectivity-steeped mind. To further confuse matters, shadow realities can have effects on each other. It is just like a quantum experiment in which each *possible* state of a particle has an effect on an observable system, even though when a measurement is taken, the particle is found to occupy only one of those states. In other words, the mere possibility of it occupying a certain state has physical effects.

In a similar way, perhaps our world occupies a superposition of states, one of which is the NWO state, and we can see the interference effects of that state even without its being "real". Its reality, and that of the conventional explanation as well, is indeterminate. It is only when we begin to investigate that we collapse the wave function and enter into one or another shadow reality.

The Mythic Truth of the New World Order

However rational and evidence-based we like to imagine ourselves to be, ultimately our beliefs are founded on faith. Few readers of David Icke actually do the footwork that would be necessary to verify his sources, and his sources' sources, many of whom, indeed, are already dead. If the NWO conspiracists are correct, then *everything we have been told is wrong*. For some, this is profoundly liberating; for others it is deeply disturbing. The former are predisposed to believe; the latter to reject; this predisposition then clothes itself in facts and evidence. Thus it is that facts and evidence rarely change anyone's mind - they are symptoms and not causes of our beliefs. It is only when life-changing events alter one's predisposition that room becomes available for new beliefs.

Our beliefs, and the states of being underlying them, do evolve and sometimes shift dramatically. This happens especially when for one reason or another, one's world falls apart. Because we live in a time of mounting crisis, the world is falling apart for more and more people, and the unraveling of the old certainties will only accelerate in coming years. At such times, we occasionally face a moment of choice, in

which we can decide what to believe. But, recognizing that evidence alone is insufficient to guide belief, how are we to choose?

I suggest that we choose a belief, and the corresponding psychological state accompanying it, based on how well it aligns with who we truly are and who we want to become. This doesn't mean to ignore evidence, for quite often anomalous events can show us that our personal mythology is cracking apart, and that we are ready to moul. It does mean to consider how each belief-state feels, what it implies about the world, about human beings, and about oneself. How does it affect the answer to the question, "Who am I?" What needs does it meet? How does it hurt? What emotions does it evoke? You can take a few moments to sit with an article from a conspiracy website like Project Camelot or 9/11 Truth, and then with a debunking article from CSICOP, and notice the ways in which each feels gratifying, offensive, reassuring, or threatening. Then I invite you to do the same with the third alternative that I offer in the essay.

This third alternative preserves the mythic truths of the New World Order hypothesis, truths that lie outside its interpretive framework. Here are two of them:

(1) A nefarious power, inimical to human well-being, manipulates the course of human events from behind the scenes, seeking the total control of every human being.

Rather than an evil Illuminati, could that power be money? Some say that a global elite controls humanity via the money system, but could it be that it is rather the money system that controls the global elite? I'm sure many of you have known the feeling of being enslaved to money. The wealthy are not exempt, and indeed, possessing more of it, are even more deeply enslaved to its logic. It is truly an "invisible hand," a force that "makes the world go 'round." Moreover, the end toward which money compels us is one of misery and ugliness: the destruction of nature and culture, community and health, and all that is beautiful on earth.

Even those we might consider most culpable for the injustices and despoliation of our world act with little awareness of what they are creating. Whether they are hedge fund managers seeking to maximize a number (profit), or political leaders seeking to further "American interests," the reality behind these symbols is obscure to them. They are victims of their own propaganda, doing harm while sincerely believing to be doing good. It is easy to believe this of people in the middle and bottom of the pyramid, the ignorant and the duped. It is harder to understand how it could apply to people at the top, yet it is equally true - if not more true - of them. They are among the most hopeless dupes of all.

Money is not the only candidate for the nefarious controlling power. Various ideologies and their corresponding being-states, in particular those I call **Separation and Ascent**, are even more deeply responsible. They create a culture, and a self, that seeks to maximize security, predictability, and control; to measure and quantify the world; to eliminate risk and establish liability; to extend property rights and legal codes into every corner of life, and to monitor everyone and keep track of every thing. The destination of such a program is none other than what the conspiracists fear: a totalitarian "one world government."

We might say, then, that it is not those at the top of the pyramid that control the rest; it is the pyramid itself that controls all. But this pyramid, this Tower, built of the defining myths of our civilization, is evidently crumbling before our eyes.

I am not necessarily saying, "It isn't the Draconian races, it is the money system (or the myth of Separation)." Rather, these refer to one

and the same thing, viewed through a different lens. In one reality, it is money, in another it is the ETs.

(2) We are subject to technologies of mind control that hold us in thrall.

New World Order conspiracists posit the existence of futuristic mind control based on alien technologies, beamed from the communication infrastructure, riding upon cell phone towers, television transmissions, and so on, or transmitted via occult symbology, subliminal messages, and neuro-linguistic programming techniques. There is truth in this, but the truth is deeper than the conspiracists realize. Television stupifies us not only through its content, but through the ability of the medium itself to usurp the image-making capacity of the brain and create intellectual dependency. Advertising and, more subtly, the narratives of the mass media condition our thoughts and desires, so that we become afraid of freedom and nearly incapable of rebelling. But these technologies are rather clumsy and overt compared with the way that institutions of our culture, by their very logic, limit the range and manner of our thinking. Education, science, religion, medicine, parenting, and the legal system all condition us to think in certain ways. But the most pervasive and powerful mind control technology, so ubiquitous as to be unnoticable, is undoubtedly the language itself.

Can we overcome dualism, when our language is rife with it? Can we transcend separation, when our language assumes it in its very structure? By their very existence certain words limit us to thoughts that subtly serve the status quo. For example, when I say that reality isn't what we think it is, by using the word "is" I reinforce the very independently-existing reality that I am trying to deny. More generally, as a system of signs, language distances us from the reality it is supposed to represent, allowing us to more easily treat the world as other. Sometimes, during meditation or mystical experience, the veil of language lifts and the richness of the unmediated world is revealed, and along with it the depth of our thralldom.

Again, even as it reaches its extreme, the system of mind control is crumbling. The devaluation of language that I discuss in **The Ubiquitous Matrix of Lies** has engendered a pervasive cynicism, a discounting of all speech, that renders the tools of mind control increasingly ineffective. So inured are we to a world of image and hype, that we believe little of what we are told. Switching to the NWO lens, we might say that the Illuminati are panicking, desperately ramping up their mind control efforts to less and less effect.

A New Story

There are many other mythic truths, and variants of these, that could be added to the list. To me, they carry a resonance that transcends interpretation. Here are a few to play with: "The institutions of power are carrying us toward a secret and horrible destination." "Many among us have been programmed through trauma to serve this end." "The servants of the conspiracy look and act as normal people -- you can never tell who they are." (And maybe you could be one of them and not even know it.) "All that we think is real is an illusion." "Invisible shadow institutions lie hidden within the visible ones and serve purposes different from, or even opposed to, their stated purpose." The New World Order story dresses these mythic truths in its own language, and in so doing provides a valuable service, giving people access to them.

At some point, however, the story that was once enlightening becomes confining. As I have explained, conspiracy theories eventually bring most people to a kind of despair, even paralysis. When that happens, when the NWO story has run the course of its usefulness, it helps to

have a new, larger story to step into.

The new story says that the abiding intuition that you have carried perhaps your whole life, and which drew you to conspiracism in the first place, is true. The world *is* governed by a secret power that holds us in bondage to no good end. But the conspirators are not others, they are we, you and I and everyone. A secret agenda of domination and control has existed in nearly everyone, and a world embodying that agenda has congealed around us, attracted to the dark, reptilian energies we have harbored. The good news is that these energies have nearly run their course, as the world of control breaks down and the campaign to conquer and dominate all other being founders on its own consequences. Just as Voldemort was unable to possess Harry Potter because he couldn't abide the love within him, so also is the ruling power of the world unable to abide our growing realization of our connectedness. Love, the felt experience of oneness, is spreading as the walls of separation come down. They never were sustainable. Today, even the most deluded - the power elite - are beginning to recognize that. The reign of the Illuminati is nearly over. That is seems to be reaching unprecedented heights only bespeaks the imminence of its demise, the extreme of yang giving birth to yin.

The war of good versus evil was never anything but a lie. The concept of evil is perhaps the greatest servant of evil. "Is there such a thing as evil?" I was once asked. "Before you asked, the answer was no. After you asked, the answer is yes." But ultimately, evil and its expression as the New World Order, or as I would call it, the process of Separation, has like all other things its purpose in this universe. We embark on a journey of separation in all its forms, we reach its extreme, and we come back to Union at a higher level of complexity, enriched by our journey. To adopt one last time the vocabulary of the New World Order myth, we might say that the reptilian overlords or the Illuminati have fulfilled their purpose. Though some might try to hold onto it a little longer, sooner or later they will accept that their time is over, and they will bow out of service.

The greater truth, though, which contains but does not contradict the lesser, is that the Illuminati, the Reptilians, are you and I. On this level too, what I have said is true. Can you not feel the obsolescence of that part of you, the part that endlessly seeks to control the world, to dominate others, to maximize egoic self-interest? Is it not increasingly evident that its efforts have created only misery? Is it not apparent that, no matter how hard you try to remedy its failure by intensifying its efforts, its ultimate failure is assured? For all of us, the time is coming for that part of ourselves to bow out, so that we can step into service, into trust, and, collectively, into the more beautiful world our hearts know is possible.

* Note to Santa and the Caped Crusader: please don't take offense. I'm only invoking your names for rhetorical effect, not because I actually doubt your existence.

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Comments

Evil

Submitted by **Peter of Lone Tree** on Thu, 09/15/2011 - 10:33.

Have you read any of John Lash's Metahistory.com essays on "Archons".

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Archons

Submitted by **charlesfrith** on Mon, 09/26/2011 - 11:19.

As soon as I realised the author hadn't done his homework and skipped the archon as a variable (or even as a metaphor) I came down to the comments and saw we think alike. There's also gaping voids in issues like Dr Judy Woods' recent damning evidence and like most people who lack experience at being evil (that's a compliment Charles) the idea that a number of different 911 attacks were carried out at the same time is too complex. The trilateralists use three and it's very effective at causing confusion as evidenced by this article.

I haven't even touched on occult signatures and the remaining pot pourri. But still. It's not bad compared to most polarized articles though a third way mantra shouldn't restrict pluralism to three when it's just logic that intelligence rises to the top and if it's corrupted intelligence then society has a virus. Which brings me back to the archons.

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stop delighting me

Submitted by **Emory Mort** on Thu, 09/15/2011 - 12:24.

Defiance!

Our most awakened inclination

Defiance!

Your elegant aberration

-Brandon Boyd

Do you think us stupid? You admit that language is the most powerful mind control technology while using your cunning language to mind puppeteer us. I have one question for you, Mr. Eisenstein. I've read your works, and I know what you're up to. Just answer me one thing: what ET are you working for? You're some alien agent working for the Truthers, aren't you?! They're the most insidious of NWO agents!

Ok, all joking aside. Charles, aren't we talking about plastic time? Aren't we evolving - through investigating 'the fed', money, NWO, 9/11 - to understand that the past is as malleable as the future, and that perhaps the present is the "control and command center?"

I think Einstein would love this article. Time perhaps is like paper fabric: bendable, foldable, colorable and re-writable like origami. "Time is money" hahaha. What is money? "Time is art" hahaha. What is time? God I sound like a taoist. hahaha. What is Tao?

When I read McTaggart's "Intention Experiment" I had fun psychologically integrating the story of the skeptic doctor in Israel who had a bunch of people pray and send healing to people in the past. The Dr. used statistics to show that the patients got better (even though they were in and out of the hospital years before the prayers, and therefore could not possibly have been affected according to him), only to fuel the flames of both sides of the argument.

The skeptic Dr. hoped to show the New Age people how sheeple they were (yea, I'll use sheeple as an adjective), and instead McTaggart used it as excellent scientific proof of the power of retrointention. Now it just makes me laugh - like a real, genuine giggle. People are actually learning, in mass quantities and through myriad ways, that time, truth, history and reality are clay on the wheel of the potter - the human psyche.

Am I wrong in thinking this? I don't know what the truth is for every person out there. But I know, for sure, that it's a lot more fun to know that I don't know everyone's truth.

Your thesis helped me trust my own instincts, especially regarding 9/11. The more I watched WTC 7 fall down like a controlled demolition, the more Peter Joseph interviews I listened to... I realized that biting either side of the apple of dualistic thought leads to entrapment and B.S.

Better to - as the Vipassana teacher Goenka said - be aware of both sides of each duality, equanimous to both sides of duality, and then live with realistic and optimistic outlook towards future and also past and present.

Think of how plastic 9/11 is right now. You could talk to 100 different people and get 100 different takes. So much for objective history!! So much for objective reality!! I'm simply in awe of how malleable history is.

My sincerest thanks, Charles! You are one seriously wicked ET evolutionary agent (cue evil NWO sinister laughter).

p.s.: is it outrageous to predict that humans could take "our" dna and bring it to another planet in the future to be used to grow things? Then why couldn't it have been done in the past? On our planet? By psychically developed beings? I guess this is the next slimy, flea-ridden rabbit hole I'll be crawling down thanks to all of you weird-O-s at RS!@! Dang it I need to get a job!

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Back At Ya

Submitted by [Riversong](#) on Thu, 09/15/2011 - 12:57.

"Most critiques of conspiracy theories dispute the author's evidence, logic, and sources, and impugn his sanity, intelligence, or integrity. I will not do that. While such critiques often have merit, they tend to go after the low-hanging fruit: the sloppiest authors, the weakest points of their theses, the most easily explained of their evidence."

This is precisely what you have done by focusing on the NOW/Illuminati extreme fringe of the 9/11 Truth Movement, most of which is composed of highly rational and credible professionals from various fields.

"The conspiracists agree with a defining precept of our civilization: that the world is fundamentally amenable to control. They think that this power to control has been turned toward evil..."

Again, an unwarranted caricature of the diverse Truth Movement. While it may be true that most of those seeking the true story, like most Americans, accept the control paradigm, there are undoubtedly many, such as myself, who dismissed that paradigm decades before you began to challenge it. The myth of absolute control is in no way central or even necessary to the alternative 9/11 narratives.

"Consider, for example, the idea that the World Trade Center towers fell due to demolition charges placed inside the buildings by government operatives. For them to be willing to do this, they would have to exist nearly in a separate social universe, inculcated with values very different from those of the rest of society."

Not at all, and your assertion belies a profound ignorance of both the values of our society (including a fundamental win/lose

competitive dynamic and an ends-justifies-the-means rationale), and the history of such events. There is much historical evidence, for instance, that President Roosevelt and the Pentagon chiefs allowed the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in order to prod a very reluctant American public into WWII. There is the record of Operations Northwoods, in which the Joint Chiefs planned to create "false flag" terrorist ventures involving the death of America students in order to blame it on Castro and justify an invasion of Cuba. A civil suit brought by the family of MLK Jr, proved that there was an actual conspiracy to murder the civil rights leader which was comprised of individuals and elements of the Mafia, the CIA and the US Army – and individuals who were also implicated in the two Kennedy assassinations. There is a great deal of evidence of CIA assistance to the alleged 9/11 hijackers and some possible evidence of Mossad involvement in the 9/11 attacks. The CIA has a long history of doing whatever is deemed necessary to maintain American power in the world, and Israel has an open policy of violating every element of international law to protect what they perceive to be their security, including a murderous attack on a US military reconnaissance ship in 1967 and the recent murderous assault on non-violent aid ships to Gaza. If Israel believed that it would require a "new Pearl Harbor" (as detailed in the strategy of the Neo-Con Project for a New American Century) to get the US to wage an endless global war against Islamicism, then history suggests they would have no compunctions against murdering a few thousand Americans to accomplish that end. And, given the willingness of the Neo-Cons (and their liberal appeasers) to sacrifice thousands of American military troops, hundreds of thousands of foreign civilians, and billions of dollars of national treasure to accomplish similar ends, it is at least credible that such an ideology would easily justify another false flag operation against American civilians.

"I have noticed that conspiracy theories have a very strong emotional appeal – at least to some people. Believers like to think that they are impartially choosing their belief because they are more rational, more intelligent, or more open-minded than all those benighted, deluded "sheeple" out there. Two people look at the same set of facts and draw different conclusions. Is that choice a function of intelligence and reason?"

You're clearly not paying attention to the several 9/11 Truth websites and groups that are composed of highly rational, objective and non-emotionally-addicted people, including Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth (<http://ae911truth.org/>), Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice (<http://stj911.org/>), Scientists for 9/11 Truth (<http://scientistsfor911truth.org/>), Firefighters for 9/11 Truth (<http://firefightersfor911truth.org/>), and Journal of 9/11 Studies (<http://www.journalof911studies.com/>), or the most published author on 9/11: Professor Emeritus David Ray Griffin.

"Believers spend lots of time getting "informed", but do they really act upon that information?"

These people typically accepted the official story until they began to see holes in the narrative and began critical investigations and analyses. And they have dedicated a great deal of time, money and effort in informing the American citizenry and launching campaigns for a new, impartial official investigation and the prosecution of those found to be involved.

"One of the most common criticisms of conspiracy theories is that they are non-falsifiable...Much as we would like to think otherwise, evidence and logic cannot bring certainty...Reasonable people can, depending on their vantage point and life situation, look at the same set of events and form different beliefs about them. These beliefs then become a filter that determines what they see and, indeed, what they look for."

Again, what you fail to acknowledge is that much of the current 9/11 Truth Movement is comprised of scientists, academics,

scholars and credentialed professionals, including a number of former government, military and intelligence officials – all of whom are much more likely than the average "conspiracy buff" to choose and analyze data impartially and draw logical conclusions that are merited by the facts. True, no scientific endeavor is fully objective, since it is done by human beings. But their methodologies are subject to scrutiny and peer review, which gives them a higher probability of certainty.

"Among conspiracism's psychological payoffs are that it provides someone to blame, to hate, and perhaps to fight...Conspiracism offers an external evil and thereby exculpates us from our own complicity...The paradigm...sees human affairs – and even cosmic processes – as a war between good and evil...Could it be that when we see an evil cabal controlling the world, we are actually seeing the projection of our own egos?"

Again, you are unjustifiably dismissive of both the mindset and the motivations of many in the 9/11 Truth Movement, and focus entirely on the extremist fringe – who are mirroring the paradigm of those they claim to oppose. The historical, political and cultural truth, however, is that actual conspiracies to do harm in order to do good in the world are engaged in by those with Manichean good v. evil philosophies, such as the Neo-Cons and the Radical Islamists (who, according to the documentary *The Power of Nightmares*, were both born of the same resentment towards modern secular liberalism).

The tens of thousands of thoughtful participants in the Truth Movement understand that we are all complicit in what our nation undertakes and are working to mitigate that complicity while exposing the truth of our collective and government actions.

"...there is something uncanny about the facility with which certain events lend themselves to conspiracy hypotheses. It is as if they are begging for it; for example, Jack Ruby killing Lee Harvey Oswald before he could talk in court about his motive for assassinating President Kennedy. It looks like a conspiracy. It smells like a conspiracy. But is it a conspiracy?...What if, for example, the psychic energy beneath conspiracism organizes events to fit into a conspiracy pattern, so that it looks like a conspiracy even if there are no actual conspirators?"

And what if evidence emerged in a courtroom (the civil suit of the MLK family) that Jack Ruby and his cohorts were also involved in the King assassination (which was established)? Would that, then, be evidence of a psychic attraction of events or of real facts on the ground which support a rational exposition of multiple assassination conspiracies by the same set of actors?

"Consider some of the events surrounding 9/11: numerous military exercises that very day that tied up and confused a military response; blatant contradictions in official accounts in the near aftermath of the attack; suppression of the air traffic control logs for the flights...Each of these, on their own, admits to an innocent explanation. But to say that their confluence is mere coincidence strains credibility. One is tempted to conclude that these events must have been orchestrated somehow."

Many of the facts could be explained as innocent coincidences, but there are established standards of forensic science and jurisprudence which are used to determine guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt" in a world which does not allow certainty. Means, motive and opportunity are key, as well as clear patterns of deliberate pre-meditation and cover-up. If we add to those "coincidences", for instance, that on June 1, 2001 a long-standing NORAD action plan for shoot-down of hi-jacked planes was replaced with a "stand-down" policy with authority for shoot-down transferred from Pentagon and NORAD military commanders to the President, Vice President, or Secretary of Defense; or that, after 9/11, Cheney repeatedly resisted releasing evidence to Congress, pressured majority leader Tom Daschle to refuse to establish an investigative committee, and then refused

to testify under oath when he could avoid such testimony no longer – then isolated "innocent" facts begin to look like a legally-defensible case of guilt.

To suggest that "It is as if events organize themselves around some kind of field that makes them appear to have a causal linkage even when they do not." is to propose an alternative cosmology, and offers nothing to the discussion of whether there is a case for culpability that meets the standards of American jurisprudence.

And to suggest that "patterns of events that look like conspiracies are attracted to needs that exist in human society", presupposes that all or most of the people involved in the 9/11 Truth Movement are predisposed to conspiracies or good v. evil mentation, which would be very hard to attach to the thousands of highly credible participants in today's movement.

Similarly, to attribute the apparently conflicting conclusions of "conspiracists" and "skeptics" to alternative realities, dimensions or quantum probability states, is intellectually interesting but irrelevant to our collective determination of responsibility and legal liability.

"However rational and evidence-based we like to imagine ourselves to be, ultimately our beliefs are founded on faith... Thus it is that facts and evidence rarely change anyone's mind - they are symptoms and not causes of our beliefs. It is only when life-changing events alter one's predisposition that room becomes available for new beliefs."

Yes, beliefs are faith-based, and a cultural paradigm is also – on a fundamental level – a matter of collective agreement and acceptance. And it's also true that most people's beliefs are guided by prejudice and pre-disposition rather than by evidence or counter-evidence. But many thousands of the current participants in the 9/11 Truth Movement did not come to it by "life-changing events", but rather by the slow and careful evaluation of the obvious falsity of the official story and the accumulation of evidence that supports an alternative theory.

You, like most of the "debunkers" have built a strawman argument based on the extreme fringe who propagate a New World Order grand conspiracy. In fact, most proponents of that conspiracy theory are hard right wingers, often influenced by the John Birch Society's long-standing assertion of a global UN-based conspiracy to control the world and deny individual freedoms – though people of all political persuasions seem susceptible to such thinking.

But your caricature of the NWO/Illuminati as a "nefarious power, inimical to human well-being, [that] manipulates the course of human events from behind the scenes, seeking the total control of every human being...[using] technologies of mind control that hold us in thrall" doesn't refute that there is a power elite who are engaged in often secretive attempts to implement a program based on a Manichean perspective of the world.

Yes there are "victims of their own propaganda, doing harm while sincerely believing to be doing good." Both the Islamic radicals and the Neo-Cons believe themselves to be idealists, serving the world (and their God) by their actions.

When you state "The world is governed by a secret power that holds us in bondage to no good end. But the conspirators are not others, they are we, you and I and everyone." and "We embark on a journey of separation in all its forms, we reach its extreme, and we come back to Union at a higher level of complexity, enriched by our journey." and "Though some might try to hold onto it a little longer, sooner or later they will accept that their time is over, and they will bow out of service." – you, too, are victim to your own propaganda: the propagation of a spiral, dialectic vision of human cultural evolution which may be no more true than any other, but merely consistent with your own emotional and intellectual needs and desires.

I've been recommending your book, *Ascent of Humanity*, as one of the most important books of the new millennium, in spite of its naïve optimism about the direction of human cultural evolution. Your book was an excellent articulation of many of the ideas that I and others have been developing for decades.

But what you have done in this essay is impose the ideas and perspective that you have become so attached to onto a current-paradigm attempt to find the truth of a recent historical event which impacted the world dramatically and negatively. So I ask you to consider how your own interpretation as well as the others "feels gratifying, offensive, reassuring, or threatening" – because I see you overlaying your sweeping paradigm analysis in a way that is largely irrelevant to, and a distraction from, the determination of fact and culpability surrounding the events of 9/11.

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9/11

Submitted by **Charles Eisenstein** on Thu, 09/15/2011 - 13:58.

I am not trying to debunk the 9/11 truth movement. In fact, if we are to enter the world of evidence, legal culpability, and the establishment of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, then I would have to say that the official account is unsatisfactory. I also don't mean to lump 9/11 truth with the NWO theory -- the former is part of the latter, but one can certainly reject the government's version of 9/11 without subscribing to the entire NWO hypothesis. (It isn't just right-wingers that believe in it though.)

Anyway, thank you for taking the time to put forth the evidence against the official explanation. Really, this post isn't about 9/11, it is about the social construction of reality.

Charles

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hey charles

Submitted by **seancminty** on Wed, 09/28/2011 - 21:10.

Hey I know your stuff that you've written. I've just started reading the economy stuff. My name is sean minty. I used to live with Harlan and Crystal. Prolly bad etiquette to mention this but I'm just a dude. My life is all fucked up now. I started drinking again and don't feel like intellectualizing the reasons why and all that jazz. I was wondering dude. If there's a gift economy then I'd imagine within it that there's the gift of saving someone from being trapped in the very nastiness of having to survive for survival's sake. I'm looking for something more. Im drunk right now. A relapse that feels the worst ever yet. And if you want to put your practices at work for one dude as he is the whole world maybe then give me a call. My number is 772-631-3504. I'd imagine you get a lot of these requests but I may be wrong about that. So if you don't let's make this happen. I'm in dire straits and my life doesn't really seem to mean too much to me any more. Also, I'm usually smarter than this but who needs smart these days. I know there's a better way but if there is, then I am willing to help. I am all totally fucked up and need help. Give me a call.

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reading etiquette

Submitted by **maryjaneb** on Tue, 10/04/2011 - 00:35.

It isn't the easiest stuff to comprehend even when sober but try reading it again -- you are sure to gain one beautiful

understanding from synchronicity, myth and nwo.

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revolutions around truth

Submitted by [satyagrahi](#) on Mon, 09/26/2011 - 14:41.

Riversong, your comment is excellent, pointing out the problems with this article very well. Charles did touch on a couple of very important concepts though:

1. "...could it be that it is rather the money system that controls the global elite?"

This is actually getting at the crucial realization that government/corporate/secret-society type people (or any other very disturbed/corrupted individual) that commit psychopathic acts of evil, are doing so mainly because their behavior is *an inevitable product of their unnatural and unprincipled lives*, based on false power and domination. The money system is opposed to Nature (human & ecological), and so it disturbs people's minds; especially those in positions of supposed authority and control, since part of natural life is the elimination of false authority and hierarchy (created by denying people their human right to tax/cost free land & water), and includes relinquishing control to Life/Tao/Spirit and humbling and quieting one's ego, something they would consider nothing but spiritual mumbo-jumbo. *The farther from the principles of Nature they are, the more insane and destructive.* As long as we live in an unnatural/unjust social system that forcible disconnects people from the Earth and restricts them from living self/community sufficiently and sustainably, there will be people like those that orchestrated the 9/11 terrorism, there will be toxic wastes filling our air, water and soil, there will be more techno-tyranny, and so on. *The root karmic cause must be eliminated, otherwise the behavior will continue to manifest;* the historical fascist destruction will repeat like the destructive behavior of someone with an unresolved subconscious trauma. On the social level the trauma that we need to resolve and let go of is "civilization"(aka Babylon) itself. (The parallel between personal and systemic reality was another thing Charles touched on that is crucial, but he quickly went off-target with it unfortunately, under-emphasizing the concrete reality of real crimes committed by real people.)

2. "Television stupifies us not only through its content, but through the ability of the medium itself to usurp the image-making capacity of the brain and create intellectual dependency."

Again Charles hit on a crucial truth, though didn't take it to its core: *modern technology is never beneficial overall and is actually a crucial component of human domestication/enslavement. Modern tech is very alien to a natural human life, is inherently unsustainable and requires false authority, hierarchy and control through social systems for its production and its equipping of the masses.* Advertising of course is major part of this equipping, making people believe they need it and entice them to want it so people buy their own chains, so to speak. (Again the inner reality coinciding wherein beliefs, like "we need government & technology" are the fundamental operating system, beneath the social.)

These two issues I bring up deserve more expounding but this is enough for those not so entangled with overcomplicated pseudo-intellectualism and non-dualist junk philosophy that they still have use of some common sense; the kind of common sense that after reviewing all the evidence to what happened on 9/11 for instance, would find anything other than a conspiracy theory to be idiotic.

The answer to problems such as State-sponsored terrorism is realizing that States are terrorism, it's very existence is the root unprincipled cause. *These answer to that, and pretty much every other problem in human existence, is sovereign veganic homesteads, making up voluntary communities, in harmony with outer and human Nature.* It's just the golden rule comprehensively manifest; not complicated, but hard for those without prioritization of Love & Freedom to see or accept.

Peace

Colin D.

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Sovereign voluntary communities

Submitted by **Amarah** on Sun, 10/02/2011 - 22:27.

These answer to that, and pretty much every other problem in human existence, is sovereign veganic homesteads, making up voluntary communities, in harmony with outer and human Nature.

I agree and add that it must allow ourselves a time for detoxing the deep progmring in our very genes so we can move forward not repeating what we have seen for ages It may take us into the "wildeness" as a we gather to perserve ourselves To truly walk away from "all"that we partook in our society of deep control. We need each other more than ever True community will only be built on those willing to "let go" of their beliefs, attachments, property,anything that has seprated us from our true selves and others. True humility of knowing we must start new and we cannot do it without each other. It can even be two or more that can begin a revoultion of change Those willing to "stand" and say no daily to the temptations that draws us backwards.

I have been on the raod for months and I hear the call of commuinty from many There is a natural process happening to recreate community. I am glad that Charles and some others are opening the eyes for others to see so we can not fall for the subtle lies It will always be our own decisions that we choose that will shift the conscious I have a hope that we can break the chains we have on us by our love for true freedom and accpetance of our true "nature"

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Versions

Submitted by **Pippalayana** on Thu, 09/15/2011 - 13:09.

To me this whole perspective parallels the Ancient Vedic philosophies of "Karma" {the inertia of action and reaction} & "maya" {the overall state of being lulled into this inertia}

Also the whole "Tree of Life" / "Tree of Knowledge" biblical mythology ... that being judgmental on any qualitative fruit from the tree but merely perpetuates the inertia of that duality.

That there will be extremes and all "shades of gray" versions of virtually any/all perspectives all throughout time. To go a step further, beyond present times ... that this has always been the overall predicament between the polar ends of all duality in relation to periodic, cyclic relief ... which happens on smaller and larger scales to all levels of humans, at all places and at all times .. no different from seasonal changes.

That we each take on the burden of showing others different takes on the thematics .. as if exploring possibility for possibilities sake, until the next cycle of newer versions of the same manifest dualistic principles.

The cream of all this ongoing struggle is, was, and will always be the progressive glimpse beyond the perpetuation of the inertia into the sense of infinity / eternity .. of consciousness beyond the

dualistic perspective ... which never seems to happen without this struggle ...

Yet no matter how realized the transcendent perspective of any given sage and/or tradition of transcendence, sure as inevitable uncertainty, a new version of duality begins to take place so a newer version of spiritual transcendence has a chance to be realized.

There is not one thing the human being can ever really tell themselves beyond what there is to tell about themselves ... yet the very soul of each and every will always have conscious revelation beyond the very relativity of inertia itself at each and every moment ... there is just no actual contextual value to such outside of the backdrop of our own "maya"

Like seeing the stars without the backdrop of night ... how would there be any actual "mystical sensibility."

Free only to realize our destiny ... destined only to realize our freedom

Infinity without ... eternity within

.. as if "revelation itself" has to conspire to find us in need of it's very grace .. lest God be less than "all things"

"Wonder is what Mystery would do if it was conscious" ...

"Wandering is for every other possibility"

Pippalayana Muni

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Very well done

Submitted by [kahlii54](#) on Thu, 09/15/2011 - 16:02.

This paper was very well done. I also feel it is well timed. The stage I went through when I was digging through the conspiracy worm hole was lowering my vibration, making me stressed and the time I spent cringing at cleverly written information on the suppressors could have been used to bring love and harmony to my local quantum field. It is in a state of collective cooperation, trust and support that a positive life experience can be created that will have the best effect on the whole picture. Many are debilitated from positive action in their lives because they are busy studying the control system rather than bringing balance into their lives and others. Not realising that the very vibration of their own thoughts are creating and supporting the state of control. Time for people to stop pointing fingers and make a difference through integrating, planting seeds of change and constructive creativity. Life can be hard, money can rule your life and there will always be someone with "more power". On the other hand life is beautiful, the challenges make life more exciting and there is lots of love to go around. Feel it, breath it, live it. Thank you all for this shared experience.

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Further down the rabbit hole

Submitted by [harveyparadox](#) on Thu, 09/15/2011 - 18:01.

Read the collected works of Robert Anton Wilson, beginning with Cosmic Trigger, for a thorough and humorous investigation into conspiracy, mind control, and reality selection/creation. i always have a wonderful time, wherever i am, whoever I'm with.

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I must not fear.

Submitted by [rajajuju](#) on Fri, 09/16/2011 - 00:09.

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.

- litany against fear

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'Online internet for

Submitted by [Vajraju](#) on Fri, 09/16/2011 - 03:14.

'Online internet for enhanced use try phone box user guide response kit with special lao tzu quote'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGxbXDTiigY>

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A Need to Know Basis

Submitted by [decemberboozer](#) on Fri, 09/16/2011 - 18:30.

Nice writing. I can definitely relate to a lot of what you're saying, but there is one fundamental point missing: The "Need to Know Basis" concept -- the way all operations generally work within the government and/or private organizations. For example, an army colonel commanding an infantry battalion during a wartime operation would not divulge comprehensive mission information to a lowly enlisted private. The private would learn what's directly expected of him from his team or squad leader, and the role his platoon/squad/team are to play in the operation. He wouldn't be privy to the detailed plans and mission objectives concerning other participating infantry companies in his battalion because the information would essentially be irrelevant for him as well as way beyond his military pay grade; thus, the Need to Know Basis... Information ebbs and flows from both directions, trickling back and forth. The Colonel doesn't know precisely what the private is doing and vice versa; yet, each have a significant role to play. Hell... the Colonel might not even know the true significance behind the operation he might be ordered execute. Now, is it so hard to imagine there being possible "units" or "organizations" of individuals operating in a similar hierarchical fashion so as to achieve some perceived noble goal or purpose? No, of course not, we witness teamwork daily on many different levels. So, hypothetically: Why would it be so hard to believe that The Trilateral Commission and The Council on Foreign Relations could possibly be working together in order to further or achieve a political agenda? One large enough in its entirety so as to cause a ripple effect of negativity, which could possibly be felt throughout the world? Should we assume that all the individuals involved in such a hypothetical plan might and should know absolutely all the plan's details? No, of course they wouldn't, and we shouldn't. They would know exactly what they were supposed to know, and nothing more; thus, the inability to see the forest for the trees. This would allow truth to be shaped and molded into anything, possibly rendering it a form of high quality propaganda, specifically for the masses to be inundated with until apathy takes hold, and the next crisis begins. Let's say they are just loopy conspiracies from the activist fringe of major US cities. Let's pretend these beliefs are entirely false. It still remains quite evident that things just aren't going well at all. But isn't that how this conspiracy-boom started? We're not crazy. We can't start denying our gut instincts. We can't ignore the overwhelming amount of "coincidences" associated with the never-ending string of disasters these past few years; nor can we ignore the outright lies. We connect dots where others can't in hopes that they'll soon begin to hear and seek truth with open

hearts and minds.

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What you see is what you get

Submitted by **Vekkerman** on Fri, 09/16/2011 - 18:57.

Are crop circles a case in point here? For those who choose to believe they are manifested by non-human action, evidence can be found. Equally, debunkers can substantiate their case through their particular lens. A wonderfully thought-provoking article. Thank you.

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Crop Ellipse Apocalypse

Submitted by **Emory Mort** on Tue, 09/20/2011 - 03:06.

I love that crop circles are brought up here. They are another great example of our currently plastic past time. To a large portion of our population, crop circles were made by clever, multi-national, uber-intelligent, Navy Seal stealth and post-Ivy League mathematics equipped pranksters living secretly in the countryside of almost every region of the world. Such intellectual hotbeds as rural Kentucky included. To the level-headed skeptics, the people who actually think that massive, intricately woven, scientifically inexplicable, geometrically brilliant, anthropologically uncanny, astrologically acute, gaia conscious, and downright hilarious crop circles are not made by men with wooden planks and string are the conspiracy theorists!!

I mean... what?!?!

So let's compare 9-11 and crop circles. The 9-11 conspiracy is damning to the new world order and to the mass hypnosis. It kills the current myth of democracy, compassionate corporations, compassionate nation states, just wars, etc.

The crop circles are damning to much more: the closed and non-creative mind - including a lot of minds who have thought themselves very open-minded. The playful, pretty, dismissable crop circles straight up expose deceptive arrogance. They are a powerful apocalyptic event for many, many people - including people who have built their false self around being more open and rational and caring than other people. The crop circles are challenging to WAAAAAYYYY more people than the 9-11 stuff, at this point. It's like they are accelerating to help people evolve. What perfection!

Like with 9-11 and political history, with crop circles humanity are faced with a "plastic history" involving the non-conscious universe. To many 2011 brains, the brilliant, super-powerful non-conscious isn't psychologically acceptable. To them, the "past" is filled with all sorts of humans running around in fields making these crop circles. Or the past is just filled with misty mystery that can't be honestly, deeply confronted. To others, the crop circles are great evidence of our playful and powerful non-conscious. We can play with it. It's a powerful force. And we don't totally consciously control it. Sounds fine to me. Actually, sounds great! Whatever!

But to most psyches, this is not acceptable. With 9-11 they can blame it on the evil NWO. Yay! Problem solved, let's expose the evil.

But with crop circles, there isn't a whole lot of evil except evil hippies, evil people who like to chant and hit drums, evil UFO Wiccans and evil needy nerds. Crop circles don't allow (as much) projection. Despite being playful and quirky, witty and pretty, they hit people (me included) in the face fairly hard. Where can you run? Explain it! Then people try to explain it like they try to explain 9-11 to the closed-minded, and it just gets ugly. For those who deeply investigate the crop circles on

a personal level, you get to the same place Charles gets to with 9-11: it doesn't matter what the answer is... there is no answer... there is no "right"... everything, the past included, is up to interpretation...it all comes back to a fluid world that our conscious, dualistic minds don't control, but do influence. Sure, we'd all like to think we have the answers... but our worlds are dependent on other psyches! Our truth is dependent on the truths of others. And then another cool crop circle drops.

I don't know if this even makes any sense to anyone, but it just hits me like a brick lately: time is our playscape. The past is malleable. The future is malleable. And at this point in time we can do some cool stuff with this (if we don't spend our time and energy consciously, micro-managingly, non-humorously trying to convince everyone how right we are). In the age of abundance, we don't have to be consciously possessing truth. In the now passing age of scarcity we needed to cling to truth, to hoard the scarce truth and keep it and define it, polish it, put it on a pedestal. Now, truth (the past) is abundant, and we don't own it, but we can play with it and shape it... but only when we can detach from it and allow it to go the way we gently intend it to go. Perhaps. I don't know. But this way sounds good to me.

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"Yes.

Submitted by [raviole2012](#) on Fri, 09/16/2011 - 19:56.

We did it. We told you we did it. We told you because there is nothing you can do about the fact that we did it. And we like to watch you knowing that there is nothing you can do about the fact that we did it except complain that we did it." Love, George, Dick, Rumsey and the gang

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reality-based

Submitted by [fluidity](#) on Fri, 09/23/2011 - 02:05.

The aide [Karl Rove] said that guys like me [Ron Suskind, journalist] were "in what we call the reality-based community," which he defined as people who "believe that solutions emerge from your judicious study of discernible reality." ... "That's not the way the world really works anymore," he continued. "We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you're studying that reality — judiciously, as you will — we'll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that's how things will sort out. We're history's actors ... and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do." -NYTimes Magazine, Oct 17 2004

from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reality-based_community

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Brilliant!

Submitted by [Psychegram](#) on Fri, 09/16/2011 - 20:07.

"Basically, for a conspiracy of this scale to exist, there would have to be an entire parallel society hidden within our own, complete with a full set of parallel institutions to create people with a very different culture among us." But is that not in a sense already the case, in this fractured hell of pluralism? We all live, in a sense, in parallel universes ... reality matrices cocreated between us, society, and the world. This generally manifests as subcultures, professional, ethnic, or aesthetic, which are visibly part of the wider society, but this need not always be the case. In the extreme of separation and control that we have arrived at the socioeconomic elite have every reason in the

world to consider themselves different, above, apart, separate from and superior to the rest. Some hope to transcend their very humanity through technology, to leave the Earth behind and colonize space ... and space ships are very expensive. In the mean time, their frankly sociopathic behaviour towards the rest of humanity leaves little doubt that although they may not have transcended it, they've certainly left their humanity behind. Personally I do not think of the Reptilian Agenda as being a conspiracy per se at all. It's more like the stark reality of a world peopled by a species still in thrall to its reptile brain ... a society that rewards most those who are most driven by it, whose truly human gifts of head are used as masks while their hands are used to grip and to beat. Not everyone gives themselves over so fully to the beast, of course ... but a society that encourages such behaviour, gets more of it, and so the demons run amuck. It was a real pleasure to read your essay, by the way. My thoughts have been heading in this direction for years. Before you can even think about really facing the reality of the conspiracy without, you must face the one within. But as you untie that, you realize the degree to which your behaviour, throughout your own life, contributed in thousands of subtle ways to the horror of the situation. We are all part of the conspiracy. Conspiracy is endemic to the culture ... millions of little conspiracies, most benign, but some truly nasty ones festering here and there ... self-interested groups acting to secure profit or advantage by covert means, and acting opportunistically, are enough to explain the vast majority of the corporate crime spree. But still there is a power law to conspiracies as with anything else ... the small nested within the big, the short within the long. And that fractal structure goes a long way down.... Fortunately the way out is obvious, from here. Stop being driven by our lizard mind, and learn to relate to the world as humans were meant to: consciously. Unfortunately this is not at all easy ... growing those connections for forebrain to aft takes time, and conscious effort, but it cannot happen any other way. The conscious takes effort; the unconscious is automatic. Bridging the two, making the unconscious conscious, requires sustained effort on the part of the conscious mind to happen, just like learning any other skill. This neural growth is a large part of the work involved in esoteric sacred practice, and the time is coming when those practices are needed more than ever (and as they are required, so is the universe steering humans towards those experiences, and vice versa....)

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realizations

Submitted by [decemberboozer](#) on Fri, 09/16/2011 - 22:06.

I've been seeing a recurrent realization pop-up around the webs lately that people have been accessing from somewhere. This realization is always worded differently; however, I can't shake the feeling that it's definitely a fragment of universal truth (or has to be at least).

Good response...

The statement I've been seeing came to me one night last month. Of course, it could be a by-product residue left over from the myriad of articles I continue to gobble up; but, this still doesn't change the fact that these "revelation" type (say that loosely) insights are happening to quite a few of people. I believe the introspective/ documentarian types will become the digital scribes during these strange times.

Slowly the people of America are beginning to realize that our individual ego's are clouding our collective potential. People can not unite their hearts and minds until each of us, as individuals, accepts responsibility for both our personal actions as well as our neighbors (everyone else). To admit we've been on the wrong path for so long would be pride shattering; especially for the ruling elites, but they won't be joining us any time soon. It starts with us and ends with us.

[Login](#) or [register](#) to post comments**Super Interesting!**Submitted by [hello_im_alex](#) on Sat, 09/17/2011 - 14:45.

Nice article. Although I see it more as an intellectual exercise rather than a basis to act upon. I have definitely come across some of these same thoughts while trying to figure out how a rational person can seriously reject the 9/11 truth movement after an honest look at the evidence. At the same time I will still trust my own instinct and reason and hold to the opinion that those buildings were demolished (sorry I couldn't help it!). I mean at what point do we draw the line to distinguish between consensus reality and "shadow" reality? And how is this supposed to affect our everyday decisions? The idea of our collective unconscious extracting the necessary information to paint a picture of reality that conforms with our inner psyche is a great idea and deep down I believe to be true. But once acknowledged, we still have to live our lives.

As a side note, I don't find the fact that there would have to be a hidden parallel society within our own in order for 9/11 as an inside job to have taken place to be that surprising. In fact I would say it is pretty obvious that countless different cultural strains are at work all around us. Take a walk downtown in any major city, the evidence is everywhere. And it also doesn't surprise me that something like that could be kept secret using compartmentalization of information. Wasn't that how they built the atom bomb? Anyways, this has all been said a million times and I know it wasn't the point of your article so I'll stop now.

Great thought-provoking article! Thanks.

[Login](#) or [register](#) to post comments**On the subject of reality**Submitted by [Don Juan](#) on Sat, 09/17/2011 - 22:50.

Good mind-grinding article. :) I'd say I most relate with Pippalayana when it comes to it. Reality is a Maya construct, a web that relates as much meaning as it doesn't. There is no reality. There are many realities. What this really means, who knows. It is very interesting that throughout history different generations of people have sought to create meaning out of nothing. The Moon, for example, has taken a million different forms of consciousness, depending on the perceiver and the time and place that the perceiver happened to live in. What used to be the incarnate body of a god or goddess, now is simply known to be a piece of space rock. But does reality simply stop there? What does it mean to be simply a piece of space rock? In this universe of ours things appear as chaotic and out of meaning as they are ordered and full of meaning. The Moon, for example, is seen from our point of view in this planet as the same size as the Sun. How can one explain such coincidence? If the Moon were a bit farther away from our planet or a bit closer, then they would not be of the same size, and even more strange, a perfect eclipse, the coming together in perfect union of the Sun and the Moon, would also not be possible. Coincidence or fact? Who knows... All I know is that if there is a cosmic design, or if this cosmic design were to be 'intelligent', as we are intelligent, if the universe were to be a thinking machine, then all this stuff of whether this is a conspiracy or not, or whether the official version is true or not, or any such other dialectic over our very human struggle for supremacy over truth, suddenly becomes void of meaning in the knowledge that everything is relative in relation to the total, everything is simply one further illusion within the great illusion. In the end, it simply becomes one more piece in the puzzled web of the divine Maya, the matrix that has been woven for eons by the Cosmic Intelligence (AKA GOD/AKA US). So what does it matter, then? It doesn't. Nothing matters. So just enjoy life, be good, and keep on keeping on I say. Humans think too much. Life is too short to keep on

questioning everything and making a misery out of our realities. All that one can do is accept everything as illusion, and keep on enjoying this wonderful motion picture called LIFE. And hope for the future that other people join us together in that same understanding, instead of blinding themselves to simply one little bit of the picture.

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Teka Luttrell, "Mirror Neurons: We Are Wired to Connect."

Submitted by [ThunderingLightning](#) on Sun, 09/18/2011 - 10:50.

The Skywriters in Hades (Pt.2) article by aeolus kephas quotes Teka Luttrell in "Mirror Neurons: We Are Wired to Connect" "This means that our brain waves, chemistry and feelings can literally mirror the brain waves, chemistry and feelings of those who we are communicating with..." Is it possible the United States Military+Industrial+Commander-in-Chief Complex, for example, has an agenda - an unwritten and informal agenda yet very real agenda? Is it possible that all human brain wave transactions within the Military+ Industrial+Commander-in-Chief Complex synthesize into an informal united agenda carried out by the Commander in Chief? Invading Libya without Congressional approval could suggest some other agenda - an agenda that could be very real at the Mirror Neuron level. Conspiracies may very well exist -at the Mirror Neuron level - and could challenge the traditional methods used in debunking conspiracy theories.

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Interesting

Submitted by [ACTruthSeeker](#) on Sun, 09/18/2011 - 20:43.

Great article. Coming from a background where I would religiously read and believe these vast conspiracy theories, it is a potent reality check to return to scholarly, philosophical and genuine enlightening approaches to maximizing my own life experience. Loved the idea that these theories are mere projections of our own individual and collective shadow selves or egos. Below was one of my favorite quotes from the essay: "Belief in conspiracy theories is not one of several emotionally coequal world-view alternatives. It is part and parcel of an emotional, psychological, and spiritual state of being. That state of being is a victim state. "

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Coincidence Theories

Submitted by [Howg](#) on Sun, 09/18/2011 - 20:46.

While I've never much been into the idea of synchronicity per se, I have certainly experienced the feeling of synchronicity, and I do have a few friends who are synchronicity addicts; those who tend to see it at work, everywhere & always.

The interesting thing (to me) about synchronicity is that it depends so much on what one is paying attention to. That certain events, the ones we notice, appear to be synchronous while others not...

I guess my take on this is that, perhaps, *everything* is in synch if only we had a broad enough vision to take it all in, all at once.

That said, I am certainly not a coincidence theorist, and citing mysterious, unverifiable, possible, evil cabals behind the scenes, controlling it ALL, all-powerful, with bloodlines dating back to Babylon, or links with ETs, evil characters digging tunnels under *everywhere*... and so on, these arguments are most disingenuous IMHO, and serve to detract us from what is happening beneath our very noses, not secret at all, visible for all to see.

And these events, the direction the world is now heading towards and has been for a while (since forever?), are very well organized.

coherent and consistent.

It is not a coincidence that workers in "developed" countries now have to compete with dollar-a-day labour.

Free trade deals were introduced from on high, then sold to or imposed upon us, with promises of ever greater prosperity. US workers never hit the streets in protest, demanding free trade deals.

It is not a coincidence that laws prohibiting/restricting herbs and dietary supplements have been included within these free trade deals, further reinforcing the medical dictatorship imposed upon most of the western world.

People have never hit the streets demanding that traditional medicine be outlawed or curtailed in favour of chemo-medicine.

It is not a coincidence that doctors are not taught anything about nutrition, nor economists about monetary policy (debt money).

And it is not a coincidence that virtually all of the planet uses debt-money, and that every country that doesn't is invaded and destroyed, and that every politician who tries to create his nation's money debt-free is murdered.

It is not a coincidence that "our" governments are bought & paid for by what we call lobbyists (in Asia & Africa etc., we simply call it corruption).

It is not a coincidence that we have been warring against the world, murdering poor unfortunates everywhere, killing multi-millions (during my lifetime alone), and causing untold injury and destruction otherwise.

No... none of these things are coincidence, nor are they random, nor are they incoherent.

But are they evil? Well... if this ain't evil, then tell me what is?

And none of this is hidden or secret at all.

Operation Gladio (google it) is no longer a secret, not a theory at all.

JFK et al... blown away because they got in the way.

Synchronicity my ass!

Then 9/11... and we invade Iraq!!

3 towers falling at free fall speed, straight down... Whoosh! Just like that

And just look at what has happened since - domestically, globally, everywhere you look it's the same pattern of ever greater fear, control and all the rest.

. And to somehow disprove or question the obvious, (and the above are only but a few examples), you talk of secret cabals and tunnels and such.

And new age synchronicity theories.

Truly amazing!!

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more on conspiracies

Submitted by **Charles Eisenstein** on Mon, 09/19/2011 - 14:04.

I would like to clarify one thing at the outset: I don't mean to imply that everyone who believes 9/11 was perpetrated by elements within the US intelligence services also believes in ET puppet masters and underground tunnels. I am not trying to discredit 9/11 truth etc. by association with its more extreme proponents.

In this response, you list a lot of things that are "not a coincidence." I agree that they are not a coincidence, in the sense of accidental. What I am trying to express in this article is that neither need there be a conscious orchestrating group for these events to be happening. There are other narratives that are quite broad in their explanatory power -- the Marxist narrative, for example, explains how impersonal mechanisms can conspire to foment wars, drive down wages, exploit ecosystems, and so on, yet without any conscious overarching agenda. People can do evil without being evil. All that is required is that they be possessed by the right story. So an

economist might advocate "liberalization" measures that ravage a nation's wealth all with very good intentions, because he is enslaved to a belief that free competition will raise GDP and higher GDP corresponds to a higher quality of life. So you could say that he is being orchestrated by a nefarious power all right, only this power isn't a human being, it is an ideology.

That is why I think, to really address the ills of our world, we have to look much deeper than getting rid of all those evil people in control. If the ideologies that created the roles they occupy live on, then others will take their place. These controlling ideologies, I believe, go much deeper than Marxism. I mentioned two of them in the article: the story of separation, the story of ascent.

Charles

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Submitted by [dimensional_didge](#) on Thu, 10/06/2011 - 19:52.

"neither need there be a conscious orchestrating group for these events to be happening. There are other narratives that are quite broad in their explanatory power -- the Marxist narrative, for example, explains how impersonal mechanisms can conspire to foment wars, drive down wages, exploit ecosystems, and so on, yet without any conscious overarching agenda. People can do evil without being evil. All that is required is that they be possessed by the right story...So you could say that he is being orchestrated by a nefarious power all right, only this power isn't a human being, it is an ideology."

Very well-said, sir. I think that this is a VERY important point that can be hard to grasp. Regardless of any of the specific points in the article, this point, in itself, is incredibly important. Part of this, I think, is what social psychologists call the "fundamental attribution error/bias."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fundamental_attribution_error

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Yes seeing synchronicity is

Submitted by [Daruma](#) on Mon, 09/19/2011 - 00:59.

Yes seeing synchronicity is dependent on one's disposition of perception

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Synchronicity

Submitted by [Jpasch101](#) on Fri, 09/23/2011 - 17:12.

Synchronicity is relevant but a hard idea to fully conceptualize.

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Event attraction

Submitted by [tom1994](#) on Mon, 09/19/2011 - 06:29.

When I read this, "What I'm saying here, however, is that perhaps these events were attracted to her because she had entered quite deeply the reality in which such things happen. " I immediately thought of the book In their shoes by Grace Halsell.

Grace wanted to live the lives of poor women (to better understand them I think). So she altered her skin tone, her accent, her dress, and other features and passed herself off as a black maid, as a Navajo woman (even assuming the identity of a Navajo woman friend of hers - with her permission), as an illegal

border crosser, and more. In nearly every case she experienced some form of victimization (or at the very least hardship). Reading the book I felt as if she had attracted these events to her life on purpose. That it wasn't enough for her to merely look like these women (and possibly experience normal or good things that happen to them) but to experience the worst of what happens to them.

Regarding attracting events to her life, one clear example to me was in the latter part of the book where she states that she began to wonder what it would be like to be approached to be a spy and very shortly thereafter she was approached to be a spy.

When she crosses the US border (posing as an illegal immigrant) she crosses three times - each time is riskier. Again it felt to me like she was doing this on purpose and attracting the events that happened to her. I would go so far as to say that she attracted the riskiest and most dramatic third crossing in which her life is in danger, but she also manages to attract an escape.

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let me try again

Submitted by **Charles Eisenstein** on Mon, 09/19/2011 - 13:50.

Thanks for taking the time to respond so passionately. Let me try to clarify a few things. I am not saying that I am any less subject to illusion than you, or anyone else. I am not saying, "You are trapped in illusion and I am not." I am saying that whoever you are, patterns of experience organize themselves to mirror in some way your state of being.

Secondly, I am not advocating that any pattern be dismissed as illusory. I am advocating that as we try to understand the patterns around us, that we consider what they reflect about ourselves.

As to your point about us having knowingly committed mass murder on, to name on of many examples, Hiroshima, we did that because we put the victims into a category of other, and we had a narrative in which it was OK to do that. The narrative of war and all that supported it made it OK in our minds to kill all those people. Such a narrative requires a vast matrix of cultural and ideological institutions to support it. So my point is: what corresponding matrix of institutions could exist to legitimize (in the minds of the perpetrators) the acts of 9/11?

Furthermore, I am not denying that bad things happen in this world. What I am criticizing is the idea that "evil" is the best way to explain these things.

Finally, I would like to say that I am troubled by the incivility and hostility that this article has provoked. I wonder why? It seems that a lot of people have not understood the main point, and have thought instead that I am attempting to debunk conspiracy theories, or paper over the ills of the world, or to claim that it's all in our imagination. I intend none of these things. Maybe my writing is unclear? Or could it be that people aren't reading carefully because of strong emotional attachments to various beliefs?

Charles

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"I am troubled by the

Submitted by **Emory Mort** on Tue, 09/20/2011 - 03:31.

"I am troubled by the incivility and hostility that this article has provoked. I wonder why? ... could it be that people aren't reading carefully because of strong emotional attachments to various beliefs?"

Let's see... Yep. I was attached to being right about 9-11 (and

the past). Your article attempted to detach me. Detaching sometimes sucks temporarily. I was attached to owning something I don't own, and only influence (in this case, a past event involving millions of people and decades of time). You helped me make a connection I couldn't make on my own. You don't have to be proud, but don't be too troubled. Personally I don't even care about the details of what you said. You took the issue to the next step, for me at least.

I am somewhat bothered by your detachment from some dualistic, final explanation of the event, but only because I have an interest in telling people I'm right and they're wrong about what happened. But whenever I do this I feel like I'm communicating in such a crude way (like trying to explain in words how my organism is digesting this pizza). Personally, I'd like to move beyond this ego interest, this narrow communication method, and get down to acting towards getting things done while my ego is kept in check, and allowing the abundant unconscious or whatever to do its thing. The incivility and hostility comes because you hit a very sensitive part of the unfolding lotus... and isn't this the mark of something quite profound?

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troublesomeness

Submitted by [Harlan Wallner](#) on Tue, 09/20/2011 - 04:16.

Hey Charles,

I was troubled by this essay initially as well, mostly by the seeming dismissal of the more "impossible" aspects of 9-11. "No steel and concrete building has ever collapsed by fire before". "The wreckage of the trade centers had molten steel, but airplane fuel doesn't burn hot enough to melt steel." "Airplane fuel doesn't burn hot enough to melt steel, so it couldn't have collapsed the buildings." And other "This is impossible" claims made by the conspiracy theorist crowd that were bolstered by Architects and Engineers or Scientists for 9-11 Truth people.

You don't mention those at all in the first half, citing the reasons for disbelief as resting solely on the strange coincidences with Norad and such. Strange coincidences are strange coincidences, but physical impossibilities are something else entirely. Why didn't you address the physical impossibilities? I thought. People heard the explosives! But I hadn't read the arguments debunking the physical impossibilities, and now that I have as a result of a second reading of your article, I now am much less attached to the idea that the collapse of any of the three towers was physically impossible according to the way it happened in the "official" story. No steel and concrete building has collapsed by fire before, but neither has any steel and concrete building been allowed to burn for 7 hours due to the municipal water system being destroyed by the collapse of two skyscrapers. The steel beams seem to have been cut by thermite, the evidence for which demolition is argued for by the explosions that were heard, but it turns out that thermite is quiet, it doesn't explode... From what I can tell from the two hours I spent looking at debunking sites, the other "impossibilities" also have explanations that at least make them possible, if not reasonable.

But it seems that the first half of the essay assumes others had read debunking theories, which I had not, and which it seems others also have not. Ravensong's critique resonated strongly with me before I looked at the debunking sites, and your response seemed to brush off the "This was impossible" aspects of their claims.

I don't know if that answers all of the resistance, but I think that the fact that the first half seemed to disregard the idea I and many others hold/held, that "The official story is physically impossible", gave me a stance of "I'm not sure he really gets this", and put me in skeptical mood to read the second half. Not everyone always reads both sides of the conspiracy, especially when the conspiracy theory resonates.

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Inevitable Incivility

Submitted by [dimensional_didge](#) on Thu, 10/06/2011 - 20:00.

"I am troubled by the incivility and hostility that this article has provoked. I wonder why?...Maybe my writing is unclear?"

When you write about this topic there is no possible way to please everyone. Inevitably someone will be offended by what you have said. The topic of conspiracy theory (not talking about individual people) seems to have a built-in gadfly component. Unless you just happen to be preaching to the choir, someone is likely to get upset. I would love to see otherwise, though.

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It's the Topic

Submitted by [dimensional_didge](#) on Fri, 10/07/2011 - 16:59.

No, that's not what I'm saying. I'm just pointing out that this particular topic happens to be relevant to a particularly varied set of people with very different ideas each of which is very strongly felt and defended. I'm not supporting any view in particular or any criticism in particular. My point was specifically not aimed at anyone but at the phenomenon itself, suggesting that it is an inherently divisive subject and that no matter what you write, people will get upset.

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the critique

Submitted by [Charles Eisenstein](#) on Mon, 09/19/2011 - 13:24.

As it happens, I read the critique of my ideas (and of me) on Amazon, and found it somewhat disappointing. I think I could write a better critique of me! The one you refer to took things out of context, quoted sentences from allegorical portions of the text as if they were written in earnest, and so forth. It also ignored the book's comprehensive documentation and weaving together of multiple narratives. While I do articulate ideas that are similar to those we call "new age", I also incorporate the arguments of people like Mumford, Korzybski, Wendell Berry, Ilya Prigogine... these are about as far from the new age narrative as one could get. So I found that the critique you refer to, while no doubt well-intentioned in its hope to protect readers from new age rantings, gives an inaccurate impression of the tone and content of the book.

Charles

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Zeet, he is you know, an

Submitted by [Daruma](#) on Mon, 09/19/2011 - 15:11.

Zeet, he is you know, an idiot!?

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enslaved to a belief

Submitted by **Howg** on Mon, 09/19/2011 - 20:03.

Re: "All that is required is that they be possessed by the right story. So an economist might advocate "liberalization" measures that ravage a nation's wealth all with very good intentions, because he is enslaved to a belief... So you could say that he is being orchestrated by a nefarious power all right, only this power isn't a human being, it is an ideology."

Sorry Charles... very sloppy vocabulary / ideas being used here. An economist who is trained through what we call *education* is a result of that system. And as an historical fact, currently in place, universities / curricula are funded by those very same power elites who profit from such "ideologies". Such ideologies receive millions in funding, then millions more being nurtured until they become social paradigms. No need to micro-manage after these things take on a life of their own. A nudge here & there to keep them on course will do. Your thesis is only true when an ideology spontaneously arises. But any such proposal would have to be accompanied by rigorous research to prove that it was never created, nurtured and promoted by those who might eventually profit by such. Simply making such a grand statement is meaningless w/o the research.

Similarly, a scientist may honestly believe in (man made) global warming. But if he does not do the research and approach such with a critical mind, applying scientific principals in an objective manner, then he is a scientist in name only, not a real scientist at all.

Re: "People can do evil without being evil", sloppier still. People do not *do*, they are *done*.

To *do* requires a great deal of effort, awareness, and constant vigilance to ensure that one does not fall prey to implanted beliefs. This idea is not mine - it is the basis of all (true) psychological, philosophical and religious approaches to seeing things *as they are* (as opposed to living in illusion).

I personally know doctors who think that nutrition is OK, but not really *real* medicine - not like toxic drugs to hide symptoms of dis-ease.

And I personally know people working in the banking system, and economists too, who have no idea that all money is debt, (they call it "credit"), mathematically ensuring not only our monetary collapse but theirs as well.

But so what? They are idiots, and untold billions have been spent to ensure that they remain idiots, and billions more to ensure that we believe in them as experts.

These are not serendipitous events, and have nothing to do with the true meaning synchronicity.

Your thesis is actually describing mass psychosis, bought & paid for, straight out of Madison Ave, and has nothing to do with *real* ideologies, *real* thought, whatsoever.

I respectfully suggest you follow the money (and forget your fanciful theories for the moment), and it will all fall into place.

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"Hey thats a

Submitted by **Daruma** on Mon, 09/19/2011 - 21:41.

"Hey thats a stick!"

*Bashes in head with bokken

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Hey Charles a couple things!

Submitted by **otisfunkmeyer** on Tue, 09/20/2011 - 02:17.

First off, I grok your article and am glad to read it. As a self-proclaimed positive person with conspiracy theory tendencies--including all of the kookier ones that you mention--it is WONDERFUL for me to read a third-way synthesis that both integrates my own synchronistic experience and allows me to realize that there is likely no ultimate truth to find deep down the rabbit hole--and that the act of continually checking in with the rabbit hole keeps creating new rabbit holes.

To put it simply, this article may have just changed my life. Perhaps I can now comfortably give up zero hedge.com and collapse.net and wish them the best. Give me 6 months and I'll let you know. Either way, thank you truly deeply.

Now, for you, as my gift to you, I encourage you to re-read this: "Finally, I would like to say that I am troubled by the incivility and hostility that this article has provoked. I wonder why? It seems that a lot of people have not understood the main point, and have thought instead that I am attempting to debunk conspiracy theories, or paper over the ills of the world, or to claim that it's all in our imagination. I intend none of these things. Maybe my writing is unclear? Or could it be that people aren't reading carefully because of strong emotional attachments to various beliefs?"

I encourage you to ask yourself: why would I attract incivility and hostility? It is easy to claim that people have missed the main point, but maybe what to you is the main point is not the main point to them. Maybe your writing is not unclear and maybe people aren't reading it un-carefully. Perhaps there is something in these responses to send you deeper into yourself and that whatever it is you find deep down inside of yourself will open up a new vista and give you a new perspective to then offer back to the collective.

In my opinion, you are getting right down to the core of the whole nature of reality in a way that very few human writers are touching right now. I encourage you to take this invitation (through the strange back-door they come through in the form of incivil comments) to continue your own inner journey and transmute it into something that can help us all on our own inner journeys.

You are the man :)

Otis Funkmeyer

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Holy F

Submitted by [daviddigiovanni](#) on Tue, 09/20/2011 - 23:26.

Lots of great comments here. Nothing to add except widen these comment boxes! People have a lot to say on this site! Love it! David DiGiovanni dave.digiovanni@gmail.com <http://letgoandflow.com>

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Evil

Submitted by [Inin-Soi](#) on Wed, 09/21/2011 - 06:01.

Dear Charles,

I really appreciate you tackling this very difficult and enormous subject. I have been thinking about your article for several days now and have read it several times.

The theme of alternate reality based on what are called conspiracy theories has been front and center in my life for a lot of years now and I had my times of being obsessed by it to the extent that I realised that living in the USA was no longer tenable for me. Consequently I moved to South America over five years ago. To paraphrase Leonard Cohen, "I saw the future and it is murder".

Living in Peru I have worked a lot with the sacred plants

huachuma (San Pedro) and ayahwasca which are both entirely legal here.

My work-in-progress personal cosmology has been shaped by this deep ceremonial activity and also by my study of cutting-edge quantum physics, advaita and the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner.

Here's the thing: On the most ultimate level there is Oneness and that Oneness is an all-pervasive field of the most intense love out of which everything else is created. Love is the primal field of being.

But us mortals don't live at that level, sometimes some of us are afforded privileged glimpses, but we live in the world of duality. And there most definately is good and evil here.

One of the biggest challenges for a modern human is to be able to discern the difference and this is what zezt is referring to above.

Zezt, I appreciate your passion. You are not an idiot.

Charles, this is the area where I felt you where skating on thin ice.

Evil is evil is evil. And the dangerous modern tendency is to intellectualize, to relativize, to obfuscate with too many words until evil and good are just a confusing mish-mash. That mish-mash is the mental state of the vast majority of people, the 'sheeple' if you will, and I do believe it is no accident. It has been orchestrated over time for manipulation and control.

Beware!

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By Definition

Submitted by [Pippalayana](#) on Wed, 09/21/2011 - 15:50.

As always in this modern information age, we try to separate "fact" from the "so-called" fiction of 'mere belief ... separating finite "independent" data from infinite synergistic interaction.

Constantly telling ourselves that these fruits of our own "karmic" endeavoring {tree of knowledge} somehow or other trumps our "dharmic" steadfastness. {inner content - tree of life}} to where we imagine ourselves progressing through linear evolution, to some distant peak point as far away from our initial starting point as inertia itself could take us.

Yet like a seed contains the whole tree, our innocence contains the full range of our relative sophistication. We will never really progress beyond the primordial point of leaving the garden in the first place ... all said and done. {Circle of Life / Samsara}

From the perspective of Biblical Mysticism this all starts with the tempting each other away from the very synergy / synchronicity of all interactive life ... {life itself containing all understanding}

... To the limitations of descriptive polarity {our now self-determined relative karmas being the fruit from this "other" tree} ... good - evil ... all duality etc.

Looking up the word "evil" on Wilkpedia, it's actual etymology, the closest English equivalent they came up with was "over" ... like the casual expression "getting over on someone"

Any type of trying to manipulate another is a type of evil. This propensity is there in everyone. Many levels or degrees of usage.

One would postulate that even when a parent when dealing with telling their children things, does not reveal the whole truth, or tells them "stories", that this is a type of evil ... as children hate this more and more as they get older, feeling their parents were "getting over on them" .. every generation literally forced to go out and "discover" truth for themselves.

Not "totally evil", just a little evil mixed in ... similarly even at the top of the conspiracy chain, the other end of this polar

dynamo may be found in play ... some basic goodness however minute {love of family and friends} mixed in as well ... it really is just relative to the story one accepts.

We all experience the limitations of our fear{s} and act out accordingly. It is a shame that evil has become mythologized {as well as goodness} to be more than what they really are ... sort of agreeing with Charles that there is no "existential force" {either way} outside of each individuals relative choice made. {at each moment}

Goodness does not save us, and evil does not condemn us ... beyond both perspectives keeping us from higher interactive synergies in the present moment at hand.

Of course such can progress to such extremes that we take up even the killing of our own kind in the name of both good and evil .. like yin within yang /yang within yin there can be some good within evil {trying to steal food just to continue to live} ... and evil within good {religious war}

I think what Mr Eisentein is trying to say is that there is a larger synchronicity {tree of life} that includes virtually all of this interactive duality, and that the very age is bringing all of the goody two shoes ... and bad asses, and all of their proportional shades of gray mixtures in between, as "all men fall short of the glory of omniscience" ... to the original point of taking up these relative viewpoints {leaving Eden} to where our "full circle" connectedness will have an age of it's own, beyond both the good and the evil fruits of "non-synergistic" interaction.

"Wonder is what Mystery would do if it was conscious" ...

"Wandering is for every other possibility"

Pippalayana Muni

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With spirits

Submitted by [Japer2012](#) on Thu, 09/22/2011 - 17:22.

conspiracy= "with spirits" we see eye to eye on the subject that all beside one are involved in this shadowy allowance of power abuse. Also, money is the rampant and the penetrating factor of control, none control numbers, numbers control none. The "Illuminati" is a misnomer adapted from the Brothers of the Rose cross (Rosicrucians) who were synonymously known as the Illuminati because of their admiration for the eternal fire contained within the all of one. The NWO concept is what takes us away from the NOW concept, it is as much of a fabrication as the rest of everything within the void. We created the myth as a motivating factor to overcome the demons contained inherently in the aspects of our beings and our reality. Evil, the energy veil, the synchronicity matrix you allude to, nothing bad about it, just necessary again for spirit to triumph over matter. Though what do I know, mine folly is in the split tongue of language like so many other aspiring adepts of this vastly interesting fold of time we have come to call home. Thank you for voicing reason among a sea of irrationality. I commend you. "in order for there to be order... there must first be disorder"

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A response

Submitted by [tperceval](#) on Fri, 09/23/2011 - 01:59.

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Firstly, can I thank you creating such a stimulating and thought
provoking read and for contributing to one of the main, if not
primary concerns of our current global situation. You have
answered many questions for me, whilst triggering me to ask
many more!

To start off my response I wish to recall the words of Harold
Pinter, talking in his Nobel Prize lecture; 'Art Truth & Politics'.
He is quoted;

"In 1958 I wrote the following:

"There are no hard distinctions between what is real and what is
unreal, nor between what is true and what is false. A thing is not
necessarily either true or false; it can be both true and false."

I believe that these assertions still make sense and do still apply
to the exploration of reality through art. So as a writer I stand by
them but as a citizen I cannot. As a citizen I must ask: What is
true? What is false?

Truth in drama is forever elusive. You never quite find it but the
search for it is compulsive. The search is clearly what drives the
endeavor. The search is your task. More often than not you
stumble upon the truth in the dark, colliding with it or just
glimpsing an image or a shape which seems to correspond to the
truth, often without realizing that you have done so. But the real
truth is that there never is any such thing as one truth to be found
in dramatic art. There are many. These truths challenge each
other, recoil from each other, reflect each other, ignore each
other, tease each other, are blind to each other. Sometimes you
feel you have the truth of a moment in your hand, then it slips
through your fingers and is lost.

Now, as we realise the whole of reality to be what it is; one,
collective, political art project, these words are more profound
and important than ever.

As Pinchbeck has observed, in 'Notes from the Edge Times', the
only protection we have, from new technologies that can
manipulate cognitive capacity, identified by Dr. Nick Begich, is
"an increase in public knowledge and debate about them". Any
debate should be congratulated. We really need to be thinking
about how to develop such debate, which is what I can see you
are doing, and have done. Conspiracy theorists play a massive
role in contributing to our understanding of reality, the *true*
nature of reality.

For any alternative world to be possible, Capitalism needs to be
transcended. Is this to happen by default? Perhaps the power grid
will malfunction and forcibly shut it down as the dominating
operating system. If Capitalism is to be overcome through a
change in social relations, however, it is imperative that those
with reigns over it, radically change their thought and action.
How is this to occur? Will capitalist ideals try to prevail till the
very death of civilization itself? Or will those responsible, bow
out of service, as you claim?

Although clearly, we choose interpretations to meet
psychological and emotional needs, there are definitive intentions
behind definitive actions. To assign the outcome of calamitous
world events, primarily to the fault of the monetary system, is to
undermine the power of the human will. Just as the nature of the
rain dance can enable the rain to fall, so can weather be

manipulated by certain individuals for personal gain. If we truly want to enmesh ourselves within the natural world and reach the potential of our intention; our collective, public and global will, then the will of powerful figures and institutions needs to be acknowledged, uncovered and mutually worked with. What will those who bow down now do? The power of their intention is strong.

To an extent, I agree on there being a tendency for people interested in conspiracy theories to have more of a detrimental than productive effect; their whole hearted belief in 'evil' forces no doubt causes the manifestation of such evil forces themselves to continue. I disagree that 'in the end the NWO hypothesis is mainly disempowering'; it's an entirely necessary prerequisite for a developed consciousness.

By saying that people who are addicted to conspiracy theory websites help maintain the status quo, you are saying that they are helping to keep things the way they presently 'are', and in so doing, you push for a definitive existence of what actually 'is'. Is this because there is actually a definitive existence as to what *is*, namely, the truth? Perhaps we simply cannot escape it. Perhaps we can. Perhaps once we have acknowledged the real truth, we can transcend the concept of it. Your claim that believing in conspiracy theories puts the believer in a 'victim' state, whilst also claiming that both conspiracy and non-conspiracy viewpoints share equal validity and truth, is to say that both states are victim states. Are we all victims?

Bridges between all of you at Reality Sandwich and those working in the truth movements, could potentially change mass-consciousness in an incredibly positive way.

I do not believe the majority of people who believe events are 'controlled by malevolent people far more powerful than ourselves' feel 'any attempt at change is futile'. Rather, they acknowledge the tremendous power that such figures and institutions have had over worldly events, and accept them as truths that have happened 'out there' in our understanding of objective reality. Perhaps we can transcend are understanding of objective reality, but it is incredibly important to get those involved in the truth movement engaged in debate and not to deter them!

"if the source of evil in the world today is the conspirators, then the solution is quite clear: expose and remove them....Even if as a practical matter we cannot hope to defeat the conspiracy, at least we *understand* why things are the way they are. We know a solution, even if it be out of reach. That solution, to put it succinctly, is to conquer evil." I disagree that the ultimate aim of conspiracy believers is simply to conquer evil, and their own responsibility over world events is exculpated. People unearth the causes of detrimental effects carried out upon the planet, whilst maintaining an absolute sense of personal responsibility. Whats more, these people are taking the responsibility to 'define the *real* truth of our lives and our societies' as the 'crucial obligation', outlined by Harold Pinter. We should acknowledge both the shared responsibility of ourselves *and* other *absolutely* influential figures.

You state; 'skeptic and conspiracist secretly agree: that there is an objective fact-of-the-matter as to whether a conspiracy exists. One side thinks it does and the other thinks it doesn't, but both agree that either it does or it doesn't. Both, in other words, agree on the doctrine of objectivity: that there is a reality out there, a set of events that actually happened, and that while our knowledge of them may be incomplete, the events themselves happened or did not happen independent of our knowledge of them. It is only a matter, then, of finding out the truth, the facts.'

I argue that although both parties interpret information differently, it does not necessarily follow that they believe in an objective reality, 'out there'. I will try to convey this viewpoint in the following.

To really simplify the findings of quantum mechanics, we can say that its findings have enabled us to conclude that *all* possible outcomes for reality exist. Everything happens everywhere, all at once. These recent findings are shared with other cultures, such as the ancient Hopi.

So, according to quantum mechanics, the event of 9/11 happened in one way, in another way, in *all possible other ways*, and did not happen *at all*. So, we should safely be able to say; the events of 9/11 did not happen at all.

On 10th September, 2001, we would have said the mentioned event “did not happen”. After experiencing a certain order of space and time, the event became observable. We now collectively believe the event did happen. Once the event had been observed, it can be said to have existed.

The Twin Towers and the plane’s that flew into them, make a symbolic reference to the double slit experiment itself. A plane, like the electrons fired in the double slit experiment, could have hit one tower, the other tower, either towers, or neither. On the collectively observed occasion, we collectively acknowledge that two individual planes flew into the two towers, one after the other. Although all other possible variants happened, according to quantum mechanics, we collectively observed *one* outcome; that the event did happen. We all agree this is the case.

When Isaac Newton observed an apple falling from a tree, the concept of Universal Gravitation was born. Through quantum eyes, the apple, both fell and did not fall (as well as all other possibilities). If Newton never observed the apple falling, Universal Gravitation may never have materialised as a concept shaped the objective world.

We must remember that it was Newton’s *subjective* observation and his will, which in turn shaped our *objective* reality. Our collective belief in Universal Gravitation makes it a prevailing concept for objective reality.

Every ‘thing’, is conscious - is thought manifested into material form. Did the physical constituents that make up the twin towers, will themselves into existence, shape and form, and then self-destruct, leaving us to comprehend, understand and create a causal reason to the event which was infact, a projection of our own psyche’s yearning? Physical reality and consciousness are in a constant, fluctuating dynamic relationship. However, we must acknowledge the existence and power of the human will and define its major role in shaping social, physical reality. If those at the top of the hierarchical pyramid (that’s supposing it exists) are subject to the same influence and conditioning of the monetary system as everyone else, then it must be remembered that the monetary system, is itself, human thought, projected into material form. To put the responsibility of the outcome of world events, principally on the system – or physical reality itself – is to absolve the responsibility of the human race of their own detrimental actions. Ultimately the human mind itself, either collective or individual is responsible. That said I do love your image of the upturned pyramid, and think the symbology of it is extremely empowering. These are dangerous but incredibly important concepts to play with. The transcendence of hierarchy is ultimately what we seek as a human species, but until it becomes possible, hierarchy does exist, certain people and agencies shape and mould reality hugely.

On the occasion of 9/11, we collectively observed *one* outcome to the event; the two planes crashed into the two towers, one after the other. Just as we can trace back the firing of electrons to the person who fired them, we can trace back the body/s that consciously drove the planes into the two towers. I agree, both conspiracy and non-conspiracy reality could be co-existing, simultaneously. However, even if ‘paradoxically, the conspiracists and the skeptics are both right’, it doesn’t mean it is any less important to find out which body, consciously willed the

events into being.

'Even as it reaches its extreme, the system of mind control is crumbling.' I think this is a dangerous point to presume, and believe we should act in the understanding that a general dystopia is possible, and we should do our utmost to ensure that it will never become a reality. When the realms of hierarchical control are well and truly broken, then we can rest. Because of the nature of your evaluation, you have chosen to look mostly at the extremes of the NWO hypothesis, which is understandable for your argument. However, I find you neglect to seriously debate the actuality of such issues which should be taken seriously into consideration; fluoride being added to our general water supply, to deactivate the spiritual nature of our pineal glands and the livelihood of the internet being threatened by the outcomes of the Bilderberg group.

I resonate with your understanding of the 'Illuminati' as being both you and I. After observing Rudolf Steiner's thinking, we can see our current time as occupied by Luciferic beings, who develop themselves, through us. Although they occupy us all to a certain degree, these beings clearly manifest more in certain individuals than others. You state that 'Conspiracism gives new guise to a very old thoughtform (that the horror of our world is caused by forces of evil) that is becoming obsolete'. If Steiner's ideas are to be taken seriously, the very existence of this thoughtform is enabled through the occupation of Luciferic beings, within human beings. The *concept* of evil cannot be made obsolete until the *experience* of evil (the areas of our conscious and subconscious that endlessly seek to control the world, to dominate others and to maximize egoic self-interest) become obsolete. I agree with you that there is no concrete reality to the concepts of good and evil and that the desire to dominate, conquer and control, must be superseded. Is this transformation to happen automatically? I think that your assumption that the solution of conspiracy believers is to 'expose and remove' conspirators is not entirely true - many want the consciousness of the conspirators transformed, rather than destroyed altogether.

I believe, further discourse between our two concepts of good and evil are necessary, for the transcendence of them both. This would need to happen through experience. For a moment, I propose we replace the concepts/images of good and evil with the two majorly differing ideologies; control and collaboration.

May we see the two major proponents of difference not as good and evil, but as primarily rooted in two differing ideologies; control and collaboration. May the proponents of these two realities, that currently exist side by side, neck to neck, come together, harmonise, unite and transcend? The Dalai Lama with David Rockefeller? How to create such a body that would organise such a happening? Would it be possible? Is the whole thing just some crack pot idea? Is it already happening? Will it happen anyway? It seems as long as the two prevailing ideologies exist in their individual social realities, there is bound to be problems.

I am very enlightened by your optimism of the world situation, and it resonates deeply. However, I feel it is naive to think that those who do dominate world situations are simply going to stop desiring to do so. 'The reign of the Illuminati is nearly over. That is seems to be reaching unprecedented heights only bespeaks the imminence of its demise'. Although caught in your net of hope and very tempted to whole heartedly believe such an optimistic outlook, I cannot help be reminded of the bold words of past manifestos that never did materialise. I hate to be a party pooper, but I also hate the idea that we unearth these documents in a few decades, as survivors of a dystopic regime. I'm pretty confident and optimistic we won't be...but we need to have the proof and experience...we need to have the truth of its demise.

...After just finishin writing, I have re-read Harold Pinter's Noble Prize Lecture after many years. After reading this emotional and

honest work, it has, thank god retriggered in me, my belief in the truth about the 9/11 attacks. The US committed the crimes on itself on 9/11. Or did it?

Harold Pinter;

"I believe that despite the enormous odds which exist, unflinching, unswerving, fierce intellectual determination, as citizens, to define the *real* truth of our lives and our societies is a crucial obligation which devolves upon us all. It is in fact mandatory.

If such a determination is not embodied in our political vision we have no hope of restoring what is so nearly lost to us – the dignity of man."

PS, I recommend reading the Harold Pinter speech right away (<http://www.fowlesbooks.com/PinterSpeech.htm>)

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Submitted by **fluidity** on Fri, 09/23/2011 - 02:18.

the 'real truth' is that the people's energy devoted to reading this article was sent 'backwards in time' (as if time exists) to facilitate Pinter's speech so that it could be brought into this discussion, so that we might discuss the real truth

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lapsus?

Submitted by **hermetica** on Fri, 09/23/2011 - 04:56.

I stopped reading after the part on 9/11. but still,

"Basically, for a conspiracy of this scale to exist, there would have to be an entire parallel society hidden within our own, complete with a full set of parallel institutions to create people with a very different culture among us."

the author gets really close to the point here, that's an accurate description of something that really exists and is not hidden at all... a hint: it is not aliens. or try googling Alan Sabrosky...

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Conspire for conspiracy

Submitted by **Scrubbycritter** on Fri, 09/23/2011 - 12:07.

"Basically, for a conspiracy of this scale to exist, there would have to be an entire parallel society hidden within our own, complete with a full set of parallel institutions to create people with a very different culture among us." Aren't those called secret societies? Such as Skull and Bones and the Freemasons? I think the truth is somewhere in between (it probably always is) Yes, there is a conspiracy to control the world, but chaos is fighting back in order to maintain balance. There has to be some kind of evil/bad force, just look at the state of the world. Or maybe it is not bad or evil, maybe it's just ignorance. Obviously, there is also a good force in this world trying to make things better, but we don't really hear too much of it.

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Sovereign state and Corporation Unite

Submitted by **tperceval** on Fri, 09/23/2011 - 22:39.

The truths, myths and synchronicities are getting more fascinating by the day.

'zest', have you seen the Inside Job - Synchronicity 9/11 video posted on reality sandwich? you can look it up on youtube too

Want to point out an important landmark for the coming together of corporate (the *elite*?) plans for either significant control of or

collaboration with the sovereign state...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-15034526>

Which will it be? Will either be good for the public?

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