



An Addendum

Addendum to THE DEEPEST BLACK

We are obsessed with ourselves. We study our history, our psychology, our philosophy, our gods. Much of our knowledge revolves around ourselves, as if we were the most important thing in the universe.

We are all in the depths of a cave, chained by our ignorance, by our prejudices, and our weak senses reveal to us only shadows.

Carlo Rovelli, *Reality Is Not What It Seems:*

The Journey to Quantum Gravity

The ancient Gnostics understood that true knowledge can come only from personal experience, but that an individual must first want that experience and the knowledge it brings. Truth must be courted. If you do not open yourself to the truth and actively pursue it, it can pass right under your nose and remain unnoticed. That is a kind of passive ignorance: don't look, don't ask, don't probe. I do it every time I pick up a bag of potato chips or a little fruit pie. They are among the few foods I buy without first turning over the package to read the ingredients and the breakdown of carbs, sugars, and calories. I know that those treats are bad for me, but, maybe once a month or so, I give myself permission to ignore the truth that I know exists.

Unfortunately, whether it is because modern society has made us soft, or because superficial knowledge is now available at our fingertips, or because the truth frightens us or threatens our status quo, too many people have chosen to actively ignore the truth of our reality the same way I ignore the number of calories in a cherry pie. And because the truth has become so prevalent, the sources so ubiquitous, it takes effort these days to ignore it. Yes, millions if not billions of people climb out of bed every single morning having chosen to live in ignorance.

If you have chosen to read this Addendum, you are *not* one of those people. You have chosen, at the very least, to open yourself to the possibility that reality is not what it seems.

As I noted briefly in *The Deepest Black*, I have never been much interested in ghosts, poltergeists, cryptids, or even aliens unless the information surrounding them promises to shed light on my primary concern, the true nature of reality. That doesn't mean I have never been visited by a spirit or harassed by a poltergeist; I have. But instead of questioning or marveling at their presence, which I more or less take for granted, I want to understand *their* reality, their level of being and how it dovetails with the one I am living. And what other levels of reality exist, and in what manner do they exist. As a level just outside my own? Overlapping my own? The same as my own but merely vibrating at a different frequency or at a different wavelength of light?

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The more I can learn about other levels of reality and other levels of consciousness, the more I can understand my own.

As a child of five or so, I would often stand outside, gazing into the far distance, certain that I used to know so much more than I did at that moment, but I had forgotten it. This certainty gave rise to a powerful curiosity, one that my Sunday School teacher found so objectionable that she forbid me, then a six-year-old, from asking any more questions. I still seek out quiet spots for gazing into the far distance, because the certainty has never left me: this reality, this corporeal existence, is but a fragment of a much larger reality, the memory of which still seems just outside my grasp.

So, the search for truth continues. First one opens himself to the possibility of a larger truth, and then one pursues that truth. Unfortunately, truth, by its nature, is a slippery fish to grasp. Many people claim to know the truth, but which of those sources are trustworthy?

In general, only hard cold facts don't lie. But even numbers and statistics can be manipulated by humans who wish to play fast and loose with the truth of those numbers and statistics. Those of us wishing to discern a truth must consider not only the verifiable facts but also the agendas of those who present them. Bias is all-pervasive, as are envy, greed, and the lust for power. How do we tell an honest and well-meaning medical advisor from one with both hands deep in Big Pharma's pockets? How do we distinguish an altruistic politician from a self-serving one? Now that nearly every profession and every branch of government has been politicized, whom are we to trust? Even the once-revered notion of objective journalism has fallen victim to a lamentably subjective and openly activist journalism that will more often suppress the truth than reveal it.

My own method for assessing veracity in cases such as these is fairly simple: the more rules an individual or organization would place on another human being, the more restrictions, the more limitations on thought and expressions of those thoughts, the more financial, physical, or philosophical demands they attempt to exert on another human being, the less those individuals and organizations should be trusted, and the farther their needle swings from good to bad, from just and fair to unjust, from freedom to tyranny.

A cautionary consideration is no less essential when attempting to gauge the veracity of claims and opinions within the worlds of the paranormal and clandestine. Here, too, it would be a mistake to believe too quickly, and just because you want to believe. Science can serve as a yardstick sometimes, but science too has its limits: most of what we think we know of the world through material science is not fact but theory that, over the decades, has taken on the patina of fact. Material science has become far more rigid and myopic than its practitioners care to admit. Quantum science has already established that appearances can be deceiving: the laws of physics do not apply at the quantum level, the observer plays a role in creating reality, and there is no such thing as a solid object.

So how do we judge the truth or falsity of a claim? By weighing the evidence for and against that claim. Is photographic or video evidence available, and does that evidence show any sign of being tampered with or manipulated? Was this eye witness account corroborated by other eye witnesses? Are those other witnesses all friends or family of the claimant, or are they

strangers? Does this claim fit into a discernible pattern of claims previously made by others? Is the individual making the claim of good standing in the community, a trained expert in the field, and/or of a maturity that suggests a fully developed neo-cortex? Is the claimant profiting from making the claim? What does the claimant have to gain by going public, and what does he or she have to lose?

I offer the above as a caveat to the links and sources to follow. As of my last attempt, all of the links were active. Bear in mind, though, that online links can appear one day and disappear the next. Several have disappeared since I initially compiled this addendum, most of them with information accusing the government of wrongdoing. However, I have striven to provide sufficient information in the links' titles and descriptions that, in the case of a dead link, you should be able to locate some version of the same information still extant online. (I apologize for the difference in colors in the links; some changed from blue to red after opening, a few did not. But all were active as of mid-July 2022.)

But please, exercise judgment. As I stated in *The Deepest Black*, the paranormal community is rife with charlatans and fakes. Some are less concerned with seeking truth than with seeking profits and celebrity. Others are too gullible, too desperate to believe the deceivers and to pass along those deceptions. So watch with an analytic eye and listen with a critical ear. If you adopt this as standard practice, you will soon develop a reliable bullshit meter. But even then, even when your bullshit meter redlines, doubt your own desire to believe. Doubt your own experiences. Allow skepticism — as the ancient Greeks defined it: as perceiving not with a cynical rejection but with an open yet critical mind — to rule all that you experience and discover.

Numerous experienced researchers also warn that investigating the paranormal has a tendency to open one up to not only resistance but true physical and psychological harm from that which does not want to be investigated, or from those who don't want certain information shared or made public. This is particularly true when dealing with dark or negative forces. In this case, the faint of heart should remain in their bunkers. Nor should the lionhearted go blithely into the worlds within this world, but should hold firmly in mind an admonition from philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche: "And if you gaze long into the abyss, the abyss gazes also into thee."

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On Plant Consciousness

To read about the work of Cleve Baxter, Marcel Vogel, or Masaru Emoto on the ability of plants to feel and communicate pain, and the ability of crystals to react to, store, and project human thought and emotions, simply google those names and you will find plenty of material related to their research and findings. Baxter, a former CIA interrogator, became a pioneer in plant communication and emotion. His experiments, detailed in his book (available but with a very high price tag attached) *Primary Perception — Biocommunication with Plants, Foods, and Human Cells*, led him to conclude that all life forms, from plants to bacteria to human leukocytes, emit a measurable life force that reacts to pain as well as to negative and positive thought.

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Marcel Vogel, one of the most prolific patent inventors during his twenty-seven years as an IBM scientist, later continued and confirmed Baxter's work on plant-human communication, which led him to further study on the information storage capacity of quartz crystals.

Dr. Masaru Emoto conducted double blind studies in which two thousand people focused positive intentions (love, kindness, etc.) toward water samples. He then froze those samples and compared the structure of the ice crystals to those of frozen samples that had not been subjected to positive intentions, and found that the first samples' crystals were far more symmetrical and orderly than those of the control samples. In other studies, when water samples were labeled with negative thoughts, such as "Adolph Hitler," or exposed to heavy metal music, or were spoken to harshly, the frozen water showed a chaotic structure free of symmetrical crystals.

For those with the eyes to see, this is eye-opening stuff. I also recommend the following books:

- *The Secret Life of Plants: A Fascinating Account of the Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Relations Between Plants and Man*, by Peter Tompkins [The Secret Life of Plants: a Fascinating Account of the Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Relations Between Plants and Man by Peter Tompkins Christopher Bird\(2007-08-21\): Peter Tompkins Christopher Bird: Amazon.com: Books](#)
- *The Secret Life of Water*, Masaru Emoto [Secret Life of Water: Emoto, Masaru: 9780743290326: Amazon.com: Books](#)
- *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate*, Peter Wohlleben [Amazon.com: The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from A Secret World \(The Mysteries of Nature, 1\) \(9781771642484\): Wohlleben, Peter, Billingham, Jane, Flannery, Tim, Simard, Suzanne: Books](#)

The sources above tend to invoke science to corroborate the notion that plants and trees have their own kind of consciousness, and the information therein is good to know. But for me and many others, the connection to nature, and to trees especially, has been wholly spiritual. It's hard to explain. And if you have never felt that connection, it is hard to understand. But keep trying. On second thought, don't try at all. Just find a quiet place in a woods or field or on the side of a mountain or overlooking the sea, and yield to the notion that nature is wholly alive and conscious, with yourself as a natural part of it. Sooner or later, the truth will come to you. As Thoreau said, "We must look for a long time before we can see."

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And before we move on to the other, more controversial subject areas in this Addendum, I would like to add a few words about conspiracy theories in general, and on my personal beliefs, so that you can know the origin and intent of my beliefs and thereby inform your reactions to them.

The term *conspiracy theory* has gotten a bad rap. It seems that every time a person doesn't allow for the credibility of a particular belief, that belief is labeled by that person as "a conspiracy theory." In our current era of rabid intolerance toward those who do not share our opinions, the phrase has come to suggest something that is blatantly false, and which has not a

shred of evidence to back it up. But let's just look at the facts here, folks, as they apply to the topics addressed in *The Deepest Black*.

For example, the *conspiracy theory* that our planet has been visited by aliens is supported by a wealth of evidence, including the eye witness testimony of thousands upon thousands of individuals, many of them high-ranking military officers and government officials, *and* by videos that have yet to be proven bogus, *and* by recovered materials tested by reputable labs to contain anomalous or unidentifiable metals, *and* by numerous ancient megalithic structures throughout the world that mystify contemporary engineers and archeologists, *and* by truckloads of recently declassified government documents, not the least of which are actual videos of unidentified aerial phenomena. In a court of law, the argument for alien visitation would be a lot easier to prove than an argument for the existence of God.

The same holds true for all of the other topics discussed herein. It might be beneficial, when considering these topics, to remember that we humans once believed that the world was flat, that the Earth was a stationary object in space, that Columbus was the first to discover the Americas, that every disease was a divine punishment for bad behavior, that worms grew spontaneously out of dirt and trash, that babies felt no pain, that sneezing was caused by the soul trying to leave the body, that every sperm cell contained a very tiny but fully-formed human being, that the womb wandered throughout a female's body, that the uterus was an octopus, and many other beliefs we now recognize as silly.

Every generation sees itself as the highest achievement of evolution, and its knowledge therefore infallible. Yet numerous ancient artifacts discovered all around the world suggest we aren't nearly as smart as we think we are. [Top 10 Ancient Achievements that science can't explain. \(world-mysteries.com\)](http://www.world-mysteries.com)

The truth is that most scientific notions we currently embrace as facts are nothing more than speculation, many of which are being turned on their heads by stunning new discoveries.

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On Other Ways Our Reality is Greater than We Can Imagine

The work of the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS) in Petaluma, California is guided by the words of Nikola Tesla: "The day science begins to study non-physical phenomena, it will make more progress in one decade than in all previous centuries of its existence." Founded by Apollo 14 astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, who returned from space with a profound certainty of universal connectedness, IONS is just one of numerous research institutes producing startling revelations through their scientific methodologies.

In a book titled *Phenomena: The Secret History of the U.S. Government's Investigations into Extrasensory Perception and Psychokinesis*, national security reporter and Pulitzer Prize nominated author Annie Jacobsen describes a study conducted by Dr. Garry Nolan of Stanford and Dr. Kit Green of Wayne State University, who discovered that a small part of the brain, the caudate-putamen, is different in individuals who have experienced paranormal

phenomenon than in those who do not. In the brains of the “experiencers,” the caudate-putamen, known to be involved in decision making and higher cognitive functions, such as intuition, were “greatly enhanced” over that of the non-experiencers, and that the connective fibers between the caudate and the putamen were *up to eight times as dense* in experiencers as they were in the other group. There was shown to be a genetic connection too, suggesting that increased connectivity between the caudate and putamen is an inherited trait. Dr. Nolan speculated that the caudate-putamen acts as a kind of antenna that both reads and transmits information — receiving from *where*, the doctor did not say.

IONS Chief Scientist Dr. Dean Rabin has further explained that a physical DNA difference exists between experiencers and non-experiencers, which bodes well for the eventual production of a technology (a pill or other medicament) that will allow people to increase their paranormal perception ability or, in the case of those diagnosed with schizophrenia, to decrease it.

The ancient Gnostics believed that it was impossible to comprehend the true reality through faith alone. Mere belief was of small importance to them. Only personal experience would grant actual knowledge; one had to have a *personal encounter* with God, or with some other aspect of the larger reality, in order to authentically know the truth.

More and more frequently, contemporary science is coming to terms with the notion that consciousness is not created by chemicals in the brain, but emanates from a source outside of the brain. The research of numerous individuals has demonstrated, again and again, that intentions and thought projections can have positive or negative effects on plant growth, the symmetry of ice crystals, personal health, and even, according to Princeton’s Global Consciousness Project, on weather and the collective consciousness. Does it not follow, then, that thought projections and intentions from one powerful entity, human or otherwise, can affect another?

The more you know about the wondrous complexity of the reality we can see, hear, feel, taste, and touch, the more inclined you must be to accept the presence of an even more wondrous complexity beyond that reality. Do you know, for example, about the work of Bruce Lipton, whose discoveries in epigenetics suggest that all fifty trillion of the cells in your body have consciousness? This award-winning scientist has conducted studies that show that the cell membrane is basically an organic computer chip, the brain of the cell, and that our environment works through the membrane to decide which genes to turn on or turn off. At its essence, epigenetics pulls together science and spirit to propose that we can intentionally rewrite our DNA by controlling our external and internal (i.e. psychological and emotional) environments. This is a groundbreaking, life-altering way of looking at the human body and our existence. Numerous videos and articles featuring Dr. Lipton’s research can be found online. This short video can get you started: [Dr. Bruce Lipton \(2020\) - Uplifting The Energy \(This Will Change Your Life\) - YouTube](#)

These and myriad other seminal investigations into the true nature of reality make it impossible to deny that life *on this planet alone* is far more complex and mysterious than most of us know or, perhaps, even want to know. Wanting to know is, I think, the key to seeing this planet and this universe as it really is. When we put that desire into action, and actually seek out a greater

truth, we take the first step toward shedding the narcissistic arrogance that makes us blind to so much. It requires no great leap of the imagination, for example, if we already believe in God and consciousness and ETs, to believe that the universe is full of life. Or that even our closest heavenly neighbor, Mars, was once, and maybe still is, home to beings as intelligent as us.

Depending on whom you listen to and which photos you examine, there is a good bit of credible evidence that Mars harbored not only life but intelligent life. This belief becomes especially tenable now that liquid water has been discovered beneath the planet's surface. In 2018 a lake was found under Mars' polar ice, and two years later, more underground lakes were found, the largest one nineteen miles across. Add this to the ice stacked a mile high at the poles, and we have the first essential requirement for life as we know it. Then add the forty-one weird objects on Mars' surface that NASA has, feebly, attempted to debunk as tricks of the light, such as the ruins of pyramids and other non-natural structures, and the notion that civilization once thrived on Mars gains added weight. Those willing to extrapolate even further propose that remnants of those civilizations still exist underground, having sought refuge from whatever cataclysm laid waste to the surface.

And before you poo-poo *that* speculation, consider these excerpts from a 1984 session in remote viewing conducted by the CIA, taken from the following article: [CIA Used Remote Viewing to Learn about Mars Pyramids & Inhabitants » Exopolitics](#).

In that remote viewing session, the remote viewer was handed a sealed envelope that held a card, and on the card were written these words: "The planet Mars. Time of interest approximately 1 million years B.C." The remote viewer did not read the card; he/she merely *held* the sealed envelope and was verbally instructed to focus on the coordinates 40.89 degrees north, 9.55 degrees west. Here is an excerpt from what the remote viewer "saw":

"I kind of got an oblique view of a, ah, pyramid or pyramid form. It's very high, it's kind of sitting in a depressed area. I'm tracking severe, severe clouds, more like dust storm. I'm looking at an after-effect of a major geologic problem."

Remember: the remote viewer had *no idea* what she/or was searching for, only a couple of coordinates that probably meant as much to him/her as they mean to you and me.

"It's like a perception of a shadow of people, very tall...thin, it's only a shadow. It's as if they were there and they're not, not there anymore.

"I just keep seeing very large people. They appear thin and tall, but they're very large...

"They're ancient people. They're dying. It's past their time or age. They're very philosophic about it. They're just looking for a way to survive and they just can't.

"Deep inside of a cavern, not a cavern, more like a canyon. Um, I'm looking up, up the sides of a steep wall that seem to go on forever.

"...it's like a rabbit warren, corners of rooms, they're really huge... Perception is that the ceiling is very high, walls very wide."

At this point, the CIA Monitor answers, "Yes, that would be correct."

The subject later adds: "They're...ah...evidently was a...a group or party of them that went to find...ah...new place to live. It's like I'm getting all kinds of overwhelming input of the corruption of the environment. It's failing very rapidly and this group went somewhere, like a long way to find another place to live."

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The full seven-page document of the interview between the remote viewer and his/her CIA monitor was declassified under the Freedom of Information Act in 2000, and can be accessed at www.cia.gov. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Freedom of Information Act. In the search box, plug in *May 22, 1984*. Click on #2, *Mars Exploration, May 22, 1984*. Click on the pdf under *Attachment*.

What is *not* revealed in the CIA document is the reason why one million years BC was chosen as the designated time period. Was the CIA in possession of information suggesting that period as a pivotal time for the Martian civilization? Is that how the CIA monitor was able to affirm, “Yes, that would be correct”? How did the CIA acquire the precise coordinates that would focus the remote viewer’s observations? And where, we have to wonder, did the exploratory “group or party” of Martians seek sanctuary? Perhaps on their nearest planetary neighbor? My feeling, as I read that interview, was not that the CIA monitor was seeking new information, but was seeking corroboration of information already suspected.

On its surface, a CIA document, by its very nature, seems to generate credibility. But if disinformation is part and parcel of the CIA’s self-composed job description, should we accept their internal documents as valid? But for what purpose would the CIA fabricate such a document and then make it available to the public?

Part Two of the *Exopolitics* article mentioned above attempts to maneuver toward some of those questions, primarily through a “Secret Space Program whistleblower” named Corey Goode. Personally, I found my credibility waning in Part Two, thanks principally to Goode himself, whom I have heard pitching his books and videos on too many late night radio talk shows. Still, I suggest that you read the entire article and make your own decisions.

In any case, we do not have to look fifty-five million kilometers away for corroboration that living underground is possible, even for humans. The Ajanta caves in India were constructed around 200 BC as retreats for Buddhist monks. Artifacts dating from the Bronze Age three thousand years ago have been recovered from the Fortress of the Lord caves in the country of Georgia. The enormous Devetashka cave in Bulgaria shows signs of human habitation since the late Paleolithic era — some 70,000 years ago. The magnificent Longyou grottoes carved from solid rock thirty meters below the surface of China’s Zhejiang province cover approximately seven and a half acres. With their stone rooms, pools of water, bridges, and decorations depicting various animals, the grottoes are thought to be at least two thousand years old, and nobody knows who built them or why.

Examples abound of man going underground, either for temporary refuge or longtime habitation, but none is more impressive than Turkey’s Cappadocia caves. The entire complex consists, so far, of about two hundred underground villages and towns, many of them linked by a network of tunnels. Some sections have been dated to five thousand years old. One of the cities, Derinkuyu, an eighteen-story construction, contains functional fresh water wells and stone doors and once housed as many as twenty thousand people.

These and other places make it perfectly clear that underground living, even for air-breathing, water-drinking humans, is not only possible but unequivocally viable. And so is underwater living, though the peculiar creatures that live at great depths in our oceans are far from

humanoid: bacteria that thrive near volcanic vents at 438 degrees Fahrenheit; a new species of squid that moves across the ocean floor by employing the horn on its head like a Pogo stick; an octopus shaped like a Pac-Man Funky that moves through the water by flapping its ears; a white, hairy crab with no eyes; a fish that has a light on its tail for attracting victims it then impales with fanglike teeth too large to fit into its own mouth; a fish with a spine that hangs over its mouth and lights up to attract prey; worms shaped like tiny Christmas trees; the Pink See-Through Fantasia, whose pink skin is, yes, transparent, allowing anybody who wishes to view its intestines and other organs; plus many others. And only fifteen percent of the ocean floor has been mapped so far.

We used to be taught that there is no such thing as sea monsters, no such thing as the giant squid. We know now that the giant squid is real and was probably the source of ancient mariners' tales. The Wild Dog of New Guinea, thought to have gone extinct fifty years ago, is still trotting across the highlands. The nocturnal gracilidris ant of South America was thought to have died out fifteen million years ago, but all this time it has been scurrying through the night. The giant palehouse earthworm, the Nelson shrew, the coalacanth, the Stubfoot toad, the little mole with poisonous saliva, the Cuban solenodon — they are all still here, despite being categorized as having gone extinct as many as sixty-five million years ago.

Science, it seems, is less interested in what is possible than in what can be seen. If the Wild Dog of New Guinea has not been seen for a while, it must surely be extinct. Except that it isn't.

And those are just the species *rediscovered*. As of 2010, some 1.7 million previously unknown plant and animal species have been identified. It is estimated that another five million species are yet to be discovered. Think of the thousands upon thousands of new species that have been discovered on this planet just since you were born, and of which you are totally unaware.

On the evidence inherent to this planet alone, how can we *not* believe that what we sometimes call magic or fantasy or impossible is *real*, and that all kinds of otherworldly beings can and probably do exist, even in those places we consider uninhabitable? We feel comfortable in our denial of the existence of these beings because we have not yet developed the instruments and methods that might reveal them to us. It's as simple as that. We deny what we do not know. But one day, we *will* have the instruments, just as we now have the instruments for peering through the darkness of space back to the beginning of time.

Until those instruments are invented, it behooves us to stop believing only that which we can see and hear and touch and taste and smell. We engage in a kind of sensory narcissism that is unfounded, but is made possible by our opposable thumbs and ingenuity. The narcissism, in turn, makes us stubborn, reluctant to embrace anything we have not personally experienced or learned about from others.

How many of us, for example, know that the human body actually has at least two brains, not one? And I'm not talking about the two hemispheres of the head brain, I'm talking about what is called the heart brain. The heart contains specialized neurons, about forty thousand of them, that think, remember, and learn *independently* of the head brain. These neurons, called sensory neurites, regulate our perceptions and emotions by sending signals to the amygdala, thalamus, and hypothalamus in the head. "Thinking with the heart" used to be considered a mere

metaphor, but we know now that it is a very real activity — at least as real as thinking with the head brain.

In fact, the heart communicates with the brain and the rest of the body in four ways: through the nervous system, through hormones, through pulse waves, and through electromagnetic energy. The electrical field produced by the heart is the most powerful one in the body, about sixty times greater in amplitude than the field generated by the head brain. The heart's magnetic field is more than one hundred times more powerful than the brain's, and can be measured as much as three feet outside the body.

So what does this mean? It means that we are not the creatures we have been taught to think we are. We are products of phenomena that science once disregarded as trickery, magic, and heresy. We are far more than our physical senses tell us we are. Knowing this to be true, who can claim with any authority that phenomena now disparaged as “paranormal” is not also true? Who can claim with any authority that djinns and angels and extraterrestrials and ghosts and shadow people do not exist? Who can claim with any authority that forces of darkness and light, some human and others not, are *not* battling for control of this planet?

All possibilities exist.

For those of you who wish to venture beyond material science and into metaphysical science in your considerations of this state we call reality, here, in addition to those individuals already mentioned, are a few more to get you started, or to move you further along on your own journey to enlightenment. Simply google their names to discover numerous bios, podcasts, YouTube videos, articles, and interviews with writers who have spent much of their lives investigating the true nature of reality.

- Anthony Peake
- Rubert Sheldrake
- Terence McKenna
- Helena Petrovna Blavatsky
- Emanuel Swedenborg

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On the Nature (and the Necessity?) of Evil

Human growth and evolution require conflict. A human never challenged, never confronted with adversity, never made to weigh possibilities and consequences, never knocked down by life, never forced to pull him or herself up out of the quagmire of failure or defeat, will stagnate emotionally, psychologically, intellectually, and probably even physically. In other words, there is no growth without conflict. Could that be why life is as it is — not by accident but by design?

- This website provides a comprehensive and fairly easy to understand explanation of Kabbalah, the ancient Jewish mystical tradition. The section regarding Evil can be found under the subheading “Practical Kabbalah.” [Learn Kabbalah – How to begin learning the Jewish mystical and esoteric tradition.](#)

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On Aliens Among Us

- The internet is brimming with articles, rants, and videos about the alien presence on Earth. You could lose yourself on the net for months jumping from one source to another, some of them credible, most of them not. This Press Club conference took place twenty years ago, but if you haven't watched it yet, it is a good place to start your UFO education. [THE DISCLOSURE PROJECT UFO TRUTH MAY 9, 2001 NATIONAL PRESS CLUB CONFERENCE WASHINGTON DC - YouTube](#)
- [Former Pentagon UFO official: 'We may not be alone' \(cnn.com\)](#)
- [Harry Reid Confirms Federal Government Covered Up UFOs For Years | HuffPost](#)
- [100+ Alien Abduction Stories That Will Make You Believe | Thought Catalog](#)
- Interestingly, this video of an interview with a witness of an alien crash was made by the Department of Defense: [W. Glenn Davis Interview, 11/19/1990 - YouTube](#)
- [Steven Greer: Citizen Hearing On Disclosure 2013 HD - YouTube](#)
- This book was authored by an astronomer and professor who was first hired by the U. S. Air Force to refute UFO sightings, but who later became a true believer: [Amazon.com: The Hynek UFO Report: 9780440192015: Dr J Allen Hynek: Books](#)
- And finally, the full Citizen Hearing on Disclosure: [Citizen Hearing on UFO Disclosure - YouTube](#)

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On Men in Black

As early as the 1950s, men dressed in military uniforms or black or dark blue suits and dark sunglasses, and often acting robotically, or behaving in a way that seemed “odd” or beyond human abilities, have been startling, threatening, intimidating, and terrifying people. Initially these MIBs were all about UFO sightings, but over the years they have been showing up shortly after the whole range of non-ordinary experiences.

By 1967 their appearances became so pervasive that the spokesman for Project Blue Book, Colonel George Freeman, put out a warning: “Mysterious men dressed in Air Force uniforms or all in black and bearing impressive credentials from government agencies have been silencing UFO witnesses. We have checked a number of these cases, and these men are not connected to the Air Force in any way. We haven't been able to find out anything about these men. By posing as Air Force officers and government agents, they are committing a Federal offense. We would sure like to catch one, unfortunately the trail is always too cold by the time we hear about these cases, but we are still trying.” An honest response to an inexplicable phenomenon, or misinformation?

The Joint Chiefs of Staff were so troubled by the situation (or claimed to be) that a memo was sent to various agencies within the Department of Defense: “In one reported case, an individual in civilian clothes, who represented himself as a member of NORAD, demanded and received photos belonging to a private citizen. In another, a person in an Air Force uniform approached local police and other citizens who had sighted a UFO, assembled them in a school room and told them that they did not see what they thought they saw and that they should not talk to anyone about the sighting. All military and civilian personnel and particularly information

officers and UFO investigating officers who hear of such reports should immediately notify their local OSI offices.”

To say that the evidence surrounding men in black is mostly anecdotal is an understatement. Anecdotal, or hearsay, testimony is generally inadmissible in a court of law. However, eye witness testimony is frequently employed to influence jurors. And when it comes to any aspect of the paranormal or unknown, we are all jurors. Our job, then, is to assess the credibility of the witness *before* making a final judgment regarding the veracity of the testimony. A major factor in assessing veracity is motive: what does the witness have to gain or lose from his/her testimony?

- Despite the Air Force’s denial that they are behind these mysterious men, this source takes a different position: [08.03.20. John Keel and the Men in Black - The Gralien Report.](#)
- [9 Freaky Encounters With The Real ‘Men In Black’ That’ll Seriously Give You The Creeps | Thought Catalog](#)
- Dan Aykroyd recounts his men in black encounter, and suggests that the MIB is not an earthly but an otherworldly phenomenon: [Real MIB. Men In Black. Proof Evidence Videos. MIBs. - YouTube](#)
- “Swap the real for the false and vice versa.” [The real Men in Black, Hollywood and the great UFO cover-up | Film | The Guardian](#)
- John Keel is worshipped among the UFO community as the godfather of UFO, paranormal, and men in black research. His introduction to this Timothy Beckley book provides a concise history of the MIB. [Amazon.com: Mystery Of The Men In Black - The UFO Silencers \(9780938294870\): Beckley, Timothy Green, Keel, John A.: Books](#)
- [The Real Men In Black: Evidence, Famous Cases, and True Stories of These Mysterious Men and their Connection to UFO Phenomena - Kindle edition by Redfern, Nick. Religion & Spirituality Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.](#) You might also want to have a look at Redfern’s [Woman In Black: The Creepy Companions of the Mysterious M.I.B. - Kindle edition by Redfern, Nick. Religion & Spirituality Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.](#)

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On a Global Epidemic of Pedophilia

Some people speak of a global pedophilia conspiracy, as if the perversion is well-coordinated and organized among millions, all with the same sinister intent of destroying society. This strikes me as highly unlikely. Add the cannibalism of children into that discussion, and the unlikelihood factor soars. That an epidemic of pedophilia can be found throughout the world, though, is a different claim, the proof of which is reported regularly in newspapers and crime dockets around the globe.

In addition to those sources already mentioned in the text of *The Deepest Black*, I recommend the following:

- [Alleged pedophilia "dark web" site bust by Interpol brings arrests in Thailand, US and Australia and rescue of 50 children today - CBS News](#)
- [About Ashton Kutcher’s Testimony on Pedophilia & Slaves... – The Phaser](#)

- [Did Jeff Epstein run a secret global pedophile ring involving major businessmen, politicians, celebrities, and world leaders – was PizzaGate right all along? – Altered Dimensions Paranormal](#)
- [114 child sex files linked to MPs have ‘vanished’ | Politics | News | Express.co.uk](#)

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On Dying for the Truth

An hour spent online will provide an abundance of links to articles detailing the suspicious deaths, deathbed confessions, and the myriad retributions against whistleblowers who attempted to reveal the truth about UFOs, the shadow government, flu shots, the Clintons, pedophile priests, sex trafficking, 9-11, political assassinations, the coronavirus, and other secrets of the military/industrial/et cetera complex. I offer a few of these sources below. I do so, however, with the reminder that objective journalism has been dead for quite a few years now, felled by narcissism and arrogance. I urge you to consider these articles with that in mind.

- [Li Wenliang: How Chinese whistleblower doctor died twice in China's state media - CNN](#)
- [Dr David Kelly: 10 years on, death of scientist remains unresolved for some | David Kelly | The Guardian](#)
- [VIP child abuse whistleblowers were 'murdered', MP John Mann claims | Daily Mail Online](#)
- [DHS Whistleblower Dead Ahead of Plan to Expose National Security Corruption \(ccn.com\)](#)
- [The man who knew too much? The truth about the death of Hillary Clinton's close friend Vince Foster | Daily Mail Online](#)
- ['News Of The World' Whistle-Blower Found Dead : The Two-Way : NPR](#)
- Dr. Brian O’Leary, NASA astronaut on UFOs: www.educatinghumanity.com
- Lieutenant Walter Haut on UFOs: <https://ufocasebook.com/hautconfession.html>
- *Crossfire: The Plot that Killed Kennedy*, by Jim Marrs [Amazon.com: Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy eBook: Marrs, Jim: Books](#)

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On the Possibility of Time Travel

Search on YouTube using the words “time travel” and you will discover a full day’s worth of entertaining videos from or about alleged time travelers. Are these videos convincing? Only if you want them to be. Here are a few that *might* not be so hard to swallow.

- This article presents a simplified discussion of the possibilities and impossibilities of time travel. [Time travel is possible but changing the past isn't, study says - Business Insider.](#)
- For those who like their science unsimplified, this link will take you to a pdf of the original source material summarized in the article above: [pdf \(iop.org\).](#)
- [Time Travel: Theories, Paradoxes & Possibilities | Space](#)
- [Astrophysicist claims to have invented time machine \(nypost.com\)](#)
- Was the Kecksburg UFO a Nazi time traveler? [Five decades later, the Kecksburg UFO is identified \(probably\) | Pittsburgh Post-Gazette \(post-gazette.com\)](#)

- Are these security state whistleblowers to be believed? Read this and decide for yourself. [Time Travel And Political Control Of The Human Population - In5D : In5D](#)
- In his 2020 article titled “Vertical Causation and Wholeness” from *Philosophy of Physics*, Wolfgang Smith has this to say (the italics are his):

Whereas the previously known modes of causation — subsequently referred to as “horizontal” — operate *in time* by way of a transmission through space, vertical causality operates directly, without the mediation of any such process...the defining characteristic of vertical causality.... I begin, then, with the definitive claim that vertical causation is nothing more — and nothing less — than *the causation effected by wholeness*.

The first thing that needs to be clarified is the notion of “wholeness” itself.... And as I have pointed out elsewhere, *physics may in fact be defined as the science based on the reduction of wholes to the sum of their “atomic” parts*: the science, in other words, resulting from the *systematic elimination of wholeness from the universe*. Moreover, given that *vertical causation is the causality effected by wholeness*, it follows likewise that physics may also be defined as *the science based upon the exclusion of vertical causation*, or equivalently, as *the science based exclusively on horizontal causation*. And this means that *VC can only manifest itself to the physicist as an interruption of its predicted trajectories, as is in fact the case in the context of measurement*.

Which brings us to a crucial recognition: the fact, namely, that *the very existence of VC — i.e., the causation effected by wholeness — entails that physics is not, nor ever can be, the universal or “all inclusive” science it is generally assumed to be*. The very existence of vertical causation, thus, rules out such a thing as that “theory of everything” particle physicists have been laboring for almost a century to formulate. The appearance of VC — at the exact boundary between what I term the *physical* and the *corporeal* domains — puts an end to that expectation. To which I would add that this boundary proves likewise to be the only juncture at which VC becomes in a sense *measurable*: for only in a transition between *two distinct ontological domains* can “instantaneity” be empirically verified. It is thus at the very instant of that *ontological* transition that an undeniable footprint of VC — *the causation effected by wholeness* — can be discerned.

Prose like that is precisely why I dropped out of a Ph.D. program, not once but twice; I didn’t want to end up writing or sounding like those eggheads. That said, what I make of the passage above is this: science is wrong. There is no such thing as wholeness. To which I say, “Duh.” Fortunately for me and other non-eggheads, Smith sheds more light, via less murky prose, on the notion of vertical causality in the preface to his book *Physics and Vertical Causality: The End of Quantum Reality*:

What, then, is vertical causality? It needs to be recalled that the causality previously known to physics — which we now qualify as “horizontal” — acts in time by way of a temporal process; and as might thus be expected, vertical

causality is characterized by the fact that it does not act in time: one can say that it acts instantaneously.

This, I think, corroborates what I heard on the *Mysterious Universe* podcast: vertical time exists outside of time, and is not time at all, but is all time at once. Dr. Smith goes on to explain that vertical causality is, in fact, ubiquitous.

“Nothing whatsoever can in fact exist without being ‘vertically’ caused.”

He then proposes that the cosmos, like man, is

“ontologically trichotomous: that even as man himself is made up of *corpus*, *anima*, and *spiritus*, so is the integral cosmos.”

The cosmos too is comprised of body, mind, and spirit? Cool! And especially cool to hear a scientist and mathematician admit to it. Smith then describes the cosmos as

“consisting quite simply of a circle in which the circumference corresponds to the corporeal world, the center to the spiritual or ‘celestial’ realm, and the interior to the intermediary. What needs above all to be understood...is that even as the corporeal domain is subject to the bounds of space and time, the intermediary is subject to time alone while the center is subject to neither of the two bounds.”

Vertical causality, he says, acts either from

“the universal Center...or from the center of a particular being.”

Notice the capital C on the word Center. What is he saying with that? He is saying that

“it is evidently the act of a cosmic agent.”

A cosmic agent? As in *God*? How many scientists have figured God into the equation? I’m beginning to like this guy despite the way he writes.

“And needless to say, there exists a very broad spectrum of such cosmic activity, ranging from the existential act of a pebble to the free and creative acts of man.”

Whew! Honestly, I have no idea if Smith’s vertical causality has anything at all to do with vertical time travel, but the implication that an instantaneous Now, comprised of every moment that has ever been and will ever be, and existing outside of linear time in a universal Center, *does* seem to apply.

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On Directed Energy Weapons and other secret ways of killing

The following sources make for very interesting reading, even through a jaundiced eye:

- Military weapons: [10 Alleged Secret Weapons Of The US Military - Listverse](#)
- This excerpt from a 1978 issue of Gallery magazine discusses some of the CIA's hilarious but deadly weapons in use way back when: [Top Secret: How To Kill — The CIA's Secret Weapons Systems", by Andrew Stark \(ratical.org\)](#)
- A primer on directed energy weapons currently in use and development: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Directed-energy_weapon
- Using radioactive materials to target individuals and groups: [U.S. Pursued Secret Assassination Weapon - CBS News](#)
- Get ready to have your brains fried: [The Microwave Weapons That Could Explain Why 'Havana Syndrome' Report Is Not Being Released \(UPDATED\) \(forbes.com\)](#)
- The following provides numerous sources for more information on this subject: [Microwave Technology And Its Use Against Humanity \(assassinationscience.com\)](#)
- Are chemtrails real? Contrails are comprised of water vapor and minute ice crystals that form behind jet engines (i.e. condensation); they dissipate quickly, just as your breath does on a cold day. They are very easy to recognize, because they trail behind jets only a relatively short way, only to soon grow puffy and disappear. It is also very easy to distinguish contrails from what many call "chemtrails," since the latter will stretch across the sky from horizon to horizon, not dissipating but slowly spreading out to obscure the entire dome of blue. Still, many people continue to deny that chemtrails actually exist, but at least one former member of the U.S. government does not; the following article quotes Former CIA Director John Brennan's admission of governmental geo-engineering programs, including one of "stratospheric aerosol injection": [Government Admits to Chemtrails and Geoengineering | Saved Magazine](#). Is that the truth and the whole truth? You decide. Scroll down to the YouTube video on this site: [The United Nations Exposes Chemtrails: 100% PROOF We Are Being Poisoned - Stillness in the Storm](#); And another: [Chemtrails - Humans Are Free](#). Scroll down to the YouTube video on this site to hear NASA scientist Dr. Douglas Rowland admit to the presence of chemtrails: [NASA Scientists Admits Chemtrails - Stillness in the Storm](#). Bear in mind that even if Brennan's and Rowland's accountings are true, anything sprayed overhead is going to eventually end up in the soil, the water, in the plants and animals we devour, and in your own stomachs and lungs and other organs. This United Nations webcast outlines the authenticity and the problems inherent to chemtrails. [Chemtrails, Here is your PROOF 100% Real "MUST WATCH" - Bing video](#) Are chemtrails being used to do secret testing on the public? [CHEMTRAILS. USA Government, ADMITS secretly SPRAYING POISON on us!!! - Bing video](#) Did USAF Whistleblower find evidence that chemtrails are real? [SHOCKING INTERVIEW! CHEMTRAILS Kristen Meghan USAF Air Force Whistleblower! USA - Bing video](#)

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On the Deep State, the Shadow Government, the Swamp

Even if not a shred of the above material rings true to you, nearly everyone agrees that our government is not what it pretends to be — that a deep state, working behind the scenes, does indeed exist. Call it the military/industrial complex, the swamp, the deep state, the intelligence

community, whatever you wish to call it, it does exist, and at least parts of it are pure evil. Politics are only a mask to hide the faces of the true puppet masters. And if you think that only one political party is responsible for the deceit and corruption, you have been looking at life with one eye closed. They call it “national security,” but that’s just another mask to hide its real face. The evil is bigger than politics, bigger than one country’s government.

To me this is the most treacherous and odious threat we face today, precisely because it comes from within. Politics have nothing to do with it; every administration since Eisenhower has been beleaguered by, or more often abetted, the growth and influence of this insidious threat to democracy. What is not universally agreed upon is just how villainous that deep state is. The following are only a few of the multitude of videos, documents, interviews, and other sources freely available online that speak to the presence in this country and worldwide of a complex that seeks to control the world’s resources, and therefore its population.

- [The Birth of the Deep State: A History – AIER](#)
- An excerpt from Part IV of President Eisenhower’s farewell address to the nation follows below. The full address can be read at [Avalon Project - Military-Industrial Complex Speech, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1961 \(yale.edu\)](#).

“This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence — economic, political, even spiritual — is felt in every city, every State house, every office of the Federal government. We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society.

“In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

“We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together...

“In the same fashion, the free university, historically the fountainhead of free ideas and scientific discovery, has experienced a revolution in the conduct of research. Partly because of the huge costs involved, a government contract becomes virtually a substitute for intellectual curiosity...

“The prospect of domination of the nation's scholars by Federal employment, project allocations, and the power of money is ever present and is gravely to be regarded. Yet, in holding scientific research and discovery in respect, as we should, we must also be alert to the equal and opposite danger that public policy could itself become the captive of a scientific-technological elite.”

- President Kennedy also warned about secrecy, dissent, the press, and the military-industrial complex. Here is a concise summary of his speech: [John F. Kennedy Warned of the New World Order - New World Order Information](#)

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- President Reagan's "A Time for Choosing" speech is harrowing in its prescience of today's situation, especially the comments regarding "a little intellectual elite" and "those who would trade our freedom for security." ["A Time for Choosing" by Ronald Reagan - YouTube](#)
- Bernie Sanders: [We Must Stop The Military Industrial Complex - YouTube](#)
- [Tulsi Gabbard Warns Against the Military Industrial Complex | Joe Rogan - YouTube](#)
- As of January 2021, a massive number of formerly declassified documents pertaining to the CIA's knowledge of UFOs and other matters became available to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. The Black Vault has gone through the laborious effort necessary to collect those documents, which you can peruse at <https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/>. Much of the material is redacted, of course, but there is still plenty to get you thinking.
- Whatever your thoughts on Jesse Ventura, his best-selling book *63 Documents the Government Doesn't Want You to Read* lays out hard evidence of many of the government's secret programs and operations, from foreign and domestic assassinations to mind control to secret experiments on its own population. The book's epilogue provides links to the declassified documents that confirm the truth of these operations. [Amazon.com: 63 Documents the Government Doesn't Want You to Read eBook: Ventura, Jesse, Russell, Dick: Books](#)
- [Edward Snowden: How Your Cell Phone Spies on You - YouTube](#)
- NSA code-breaker blows the whistle on his employer: [Whistleblower: NSA Goal Is 'Total Population Control' - YouTube](#)
- [How Big Brother Seeded the Tech Revolution : The Corbett Report](#)
- *Rule by Secrecy: The Hidden History that Connects the Trilateral Commission, the Freemasons, and the Great Pyramids*, by Jim Marrs. [Rule by Secrecy: The Hidden History That Connects the Trilateral Commission, the Freemasons, and the Great Pyramids \(2008\) - Kindle edition by Marrs, Jim. Politics & Social Sciences Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.](#)
- Did the CIA lace the bread in a French bakery with LSD? [Did CIA Experiment LSD on French Town? - ABC News \(go.com\)](#)
- A history of the CIA and other agencies' secret experiments to control your mind: [A Terrible Mistake: The Murder of Frank Olson and the CIA's Secret Cold War Experiments: Albarelli Jr., H. P.: 9781936296088: Amazon.com: Books](#). For further reading, also see this book, a Pulitzer Prize finalist: [The Pentagon's Brain: An Uncensored History of DARPA, America's Top-Secret Military Research Agency: Jacobsen, Annie: 9780316371667: Amazon.com: Books](#)
- Was the Oklahoma bombing an inside job meant to destroy evidence of criminal behavior by the Clintons and their minions? Listen to the podcast at [The MEDUSA File - Part Two | Mysterious Radio](#), or read the book at [The Medusa File II: The Politics of Terror and the Oklahoma City Bombing: Roberts, Craig: 9781547027842: Amazon.com: Books](#)
- "It is how we had deregulation, financialization of the economy, the Wall Street bust, the erosion of our civil liberties, and perpetual war," said a Congressional staffer with access to the House and Senate Budget Committee numbers. The full video is here: [The Deep State Hiding in Plain Sight - YouTube](#)

- For those of you who would like to dismiss the whole notion of a Deep State as a conspiracy of the far-right, spend a few minutes listening to *Democrat* Tulsi Gabbard, speaking at the 2022 CPAC, detailing the insidious cancers eating away at this country's freedom and liberty: [JUST IN: Tulsi Gabbard Warns Of Threat To Freedom And Civil Liberties At CPAC 2022 | Full Speech - YouTube](#)
- And one last source detailing how we, the citizens, are getting screwed by our government year after year after year: [Adam Andrzejewski | The Depth of the Swamp - YouTube](#)

Make no mistake: the swamp is very real and very deep and global; it is home to all types of hideous creatures no honest civilian would want to meet. Those who would deny this fact either don't want to acknowledge it or don't want you to be made aware of it.

The swamp probably had its birth very early in this republic's history, but it was formalized with the formation of the CIA in 1947, initially called MJ7, followed by MJ12. Attempts to rid the country of this cancer have always failed, most publicly by John and Bobby Kennedy.

In 1973, a 693-page report, called the Family Jewels, documented twenty-five years of the CIA's illegal and/or inappropriate activities. Most of the report was not released to the public until 2007, but a 1974 summary outlined the agency's perfidious involvement in wiretapping and other surveillance of journalists, protesters, suspected terrorists, and American citizens; home and office break-ins; the interception and opening of private mail; behavior modification research, including the use of drugs, on unsuspecting American citizens; and numerous assassination attempts of political and other figures, some of them with the assistance and cooperation of the Mafia.

But did the airing of that report curtail such activities, or did it merely drive the perpetrators deeper under the swamp scum? According to a 2017 article in the *LA Times*, the then-current intelligence community consisted of at least seventeen known agencies, all funded by US taxpayers to the tune of nearly \$70 billion in that year alone, all engaged in activities deemed not for public consumption, all totally immune from any claims for accountability from the public, Congress, or even the President. And that was five years ago.

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On a Synthesis of Conspiracy Theories

The world of paranormal happenings and supernatural events has been, at last since the 19th century or so, a fragmented world, each with its own agenda, its own investigators and champions. Extraterrestrials inhabit one fragment, cryptids another, ghosts another, demons and poltergeists and evil spirits another, vampires and werewolves, fairies and elves, gnomes and chupacabras and river monsters and witches and Bigfoot and others all with their own mythologies. Then there is ESP and mediumship, telepathy and psychokinesis, time travel, time slips, the Mandela Effect, crop circles, cattle mutilations, and other unexplainable experiences.

Only recently has a cohesion between these diverse subjects begun to manifest itself. Quantum thought on the true nature of this third dimensional reality as an illusion, a hologram, a

projection from some unknown source, and as only one facet of a multidimensional universe, has all thinking people questioning the meaning and substance of their lives. If there is no such thing as a solid, only photons cohering as per an agreement of our collective consciousness, and if we create our own realities with our intentions, there is no longer a stable floor of reasoning to stand upon. New Thought's preeminence of mind over matter has precipitated a particular way of thinking about all paranormal and supernatural elements. If mind precedes matter, then mind — i.e. consciousness — must also precede *all* things, even those that materialize only briefly or not at all, like ghosts and ETs and Bigfoot. This notion pulls everything together — no longer separating that which is natural from that which is not, but placing all phenomena within the same consciousness-created reality. In that reality, a hazy blue orb floating around your bedroom is just as real as a slobbering St. Bernard. Unfortunately, we humans are capable of perceiving only a part of that larger reality, though some humans are capable of perceiving more of it than others.

This is the reality being investigated no longer by only quacks and crazies, but also by many independent or academically-affiliated organizations throughout the world.

As I have said elsewhere in these pages, I have had a dozen or more encounters with the paranormal, and I am counting only those I experienced while wide awake and sober. They have brought me to the certainty that Swedenborg was correct: We live simultaneously on this corporeal plane of existence and on at least one spiritual plane, with the corporeal one the most limited and limiting. (Swedenborg also offered what is to me the only believable rationale for the appearance of Christ on earth and his consequent resurrection: he did not come to die for our sins — a patently ridiculous notion in light of the fact that we are all still steeped in sin — but to reveal the then-hidden knowledge of the true nature of reality, principally so that mankind could get its shit together and start living not for the physical pleasures of today but for the future of our souls.)

Interesting stuff. Yet still theoretical for most of us.

Certainly the presence of aliens, whether masquerading as men in black or otherwise, and whether interdimensional or extraterrestrial, has application to the subject area of non-ordinary states of reality. As does time travel, whether vertical, horizontal, or corkscrew. Recent thinking on men in black is that they only pretend, badly, to be human, and that they are in fact alien enforcers intent on keeping an alien presence on Earth a secret; some people even believe that men in black are not extraterrestrial but ultraterrestrial, a term coined by John Keel in the 1970s to describe individuals who come not from another planet but from a parallel Earth or this very one, and who are responsible for the ancient technological advances our own scientists and engineers cannot explain.

The global pedophilia ring has been rumored to involve high-level politicians and others who have either signed onto an alien agenda of world domination or who are aliens themselves, and who populate Bohemian Grove and Illuminati rosters and practice rituals — again, internet conspiracy theories are rife with these accusations — that involve human sacrifice and cannibalism, especially the brains of babies and children, whose very active pineal glands are said to produce the most potent anti-aging melatonin as well as DMT, a drug said to activate the third eye and make communication with the spirit world possible. Ancient Egyptians so

revered the pineal gland that they mummified it separately; its shape is claimed to represent a perfect Fibonacci sequence, a fundamental element of sacred geometry that underlies all of creation. The pineal gland secretes the psychoactives pinoline and DMT (arguably the most potent psychedelic drug in the world), which Egyptians, Zoroastrians, Daoists, shamans all over the world, and contemporary recreational users ingest or smoke to achieve sexual ecstasy and states of transcendent consciousness. The FDA recently approved studies of DMT as a treatment for PTSD and depression. And, or so it has been rumored, 33rd-degree Freemasons employ such drugs in their own recreations of ancient ritualistic magic.

As research into these subjects evolves, many contemporary investigators of the non-ordinary world are coming around to an opinion expressed by a pioneer of those studies, Rosemary Ellen Guiley. After a lifetime of investigating everything from angels, demons, djinn, crop circles, ETs, Mothman, shadow people, and spiritualism, she concluded that they are all related, all interdimensional manifestations of spirit from levels of being just as real as our own — levels populated, as our own level is, with beings driven by good intentions as well as hostile and malevolent ones. She purported that the djinn in particular — the word *djinn* means “the hidden ones” — are capable of manifesting as virtually any kind of non-ordinary or ordinary being, and are probably responsible for most of the encounters humans have with non-ordinary reality.

In one of her final interviews, Guiley said the following:

I believe the djinn are deeply embedded in every aspect of human activities, including power structures, governments, military operations, and what we would call the ruling elite, like the Illuminati — the undercover ruling elite. In fact, when you go outside of our culture, these things are well-known, they're almost taken for granted. Of course, if you are trying to get power or keep power, you will go to someone who has congress with the djinn, and you will...make some sort of deal where you will get favors from them. This is part of politics, it's part of chaos, wars, uprisings.... Wherever it's to (the djinns') advantage to make human beings have strife, trouble, emotional turmoil, bloodshed...there are factions of them right there. But when people make these pacts...the price can be very high, and it has a way of the ante going up. What happens in some cases is that the human beings get frightened and want out of (the pact), but they can't get out of it. Generations can be affected... The djinn do get deeply entwined with bloodlines. In some respects they might even feel that they own a family and its descendants. They live very long lifetimes.

Can the djinn manifest as humans?

The djinn are considered to be masterful shape-shifters, taking any form they want, including human form. When they appear even as shadow people, they have a tangible three-dimensional look to them, and people can even feel them...as if they are dealing with something solid.

That last statement gave me pause. On more than one occasion Cara has observed shadow people in the corner of my bedroom. I have detected shadows fleeting across a room but have

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never seen them assume human shape, though I have had not just sightings but actual interactions with no fewer than four full-bodied spirits, all but one of whom seemed to have my best interests at heart. Not so the shadow people. Cara described the presence of those entities in my bedroom as “very heavy and dark and scary. Sometimes I feel paralyzed and can’t even move to wake you up. I try to fill the room with Light but they’re able to just switch it off again.”

The objective of the malevolent djinn, Guiley claims, is to disrupt and eventually destroy humanity. Their malice derives from jealousy owing to the fact that they, too, were created from the Source, and were the first inhabitants of Earth but were forced by the Creator to serve humans because we are endowed with the divine spark, and the djinn are not. Consequently, many of the djinn rebelled by leaving this dimension, but they want the planet back, and that means divesting it of humans, which they consider an inferior species. Certainly, their powers are greater than ours, but we reproduce at a vastly faster rate.

It’s all baloney, right? All bull honky, codswallop, snuffbumble, epizootics of the blowhole. That’s what one part of me says. But the other part?

According to Guiley, a dependency on drugs or alcohol can be an invitation to predatory entities, as can poor health, depression, or an overwhelmingly negative outlook. When you consider that a good forty percent of us are addicted to tobacco or alcohol or drugs of one kind or another, it’s easy to see how many of us are ripe for the djinn’s influence and manipulation. Throw in sugar and coffee and junk food and sex, and the percentage of addiction soars. As a species we can be weak and deceitful, lazy and undisciplined and self-indulgent in a myriad of ways. We are selfish and greedy and narcissistic and rude, dishonest and violent and downright stupid. We think with the genitals and ignore the advice of both the heart brain and the head brain, even when they agree. We attempt to control and manipulate others’ thoughts and behavior while remaining blind to our own deformities. We are materialistic and shallow and spend far more time playing with our cell phones or shopping for trendy clothes than for a way to improve our spirits. We are too often gullible and compliant and sheeplike, enamored of shiny lies and half-truths. We embrace the mindlessness of routine and the forgetfulness of tedium. We would rather wallow in the shallows of material comfort than to dig through the muck for the truth of who and what we are and should be.

I do believe in the interconnectedness of all mankind but that should not be read as an indication of approval. I am no cheerleader for our species. As physical beings our flaws far outweigh our virtues. Some of us, though not the majority, exude great kindness and altruism, and that is our only saving grace. But in general I am ashamed of our species and that I am one of them and that it took me so long to embark on a path to spiritual improvement. As a young man, I, too, could have fallen prey to the djinn.

More frightening to me, though, is Guiley’s observation that those involved in the creative arts often naturally access ideas and inspiration from “outside the conscious mind,” with or without their conscious awareness of doing so. This makes these individuals highly susceptible to negative intrusions too.

Such assertions would be hard to credit if I hadn't already experienced so many things inexplicable by the laws of the material world, and if Guiley were not such a thorough and sober-minded investigator. She appears in online videos as a calm, matter-of-fact individual with an auntlike demeanor. In addition to serving on boards for several organizations involved in consciousness studies, and as a faculty member at Montreal's International Institute for Integral Human Services, she was a trusted co-author and researcher with numerous writers, including luminaries in the field such as John Keel and Stanton Friedman.

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For those of you still not ready to concede that reality is far more than it appears to be, far more mysterious, far more dangerous, far more complicated, wondrous, and potentially terrifying than any of us can imagine, I suggest three last sources of information. I consider these three investigators the most credible individuals at work within the paranormal/UFO/Deep State fields of research.

John Greenwald Jr. has spent his entire adult life accumulating documentation pertaining to all things paranormal, with a special emphasis on our government's interest in the paranormal. To date, he has acquired over three million government-authored documents through FOIA requests, which cover the FBI's and other agencies' clandestine investigations into notable paranormal researchers and various paranormal technologies and practices. Greenwald's Black Vault has to be one of the most comprehensive collections of such information in existence, and certainly the single most comprehensive collection available to the public. [The Black Vault - Document Archive - The Black Vault](#).

When it comes to getting a handle on subjects as slippery as extraterrestrials and as slimy as the National Security State and the New World Order elites, no-one is more articulate and incisive than Richard Dolan.

- *UFOs and the National Security State*, a two-volume history. [UFOs and the National Security State \(2 book series\) Kindle Edition \(amazon.com\)](#)
- A wealth of interviews and master classes on various aspects of the true reality. [Richard Dolan - YouTube](#)
- I have listened to this podcast three times already, and it delivers more insights with each listen. [26.20 – MU Podcast – Richard Dolan \(mysteriousuniverse.org\)](#)
- Even if you don't subscribe to this website, you can find an abundance of free content to get you started on your own journey to the truth. <https://richarddolanmembers.com/>

Linda Moulton Howe's early career as an award-winning investigative reporter and documentary filmmaker was focused on environmental issues, but that changed when she began to investigate the worldwide cattle mutilation mystery. This work led her to even more far-reaching investigations into crop circles, UFOs, alien abductions, Gobekli Tepe, the secrets hidden under the Antarctic ice, and other evidence of high strangeness. Her website at [Earthfiles – Reported and Edited by Linda Moulton Howe](#), in conjunction with her YouTube Channel at [Earthfiles - YouTube](#), provides a wealth of information pertinent to this remarkable woman's untiring work to peel away at the layers of the "reality" onion. Her informants and other contacts are credible and top-notch, and the information they funnel

through Linda is world-shaking. All of her broadcasts are illuminating, but I found the first three of June 2022 especially so:

[June 1 2022 - What "dissected bodies" were found in July 1947 New Mexico UFO crashes? - YouTube](#)

[June 8 2022 - Does U. S. Space Force Have Secret Vehicles Reaching Other Stars? - YouTube](#)

[June 15, 2022 - Which E.T.s Claim They Are Closest Genetically to Human Descendants? - YouTube](#)

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And finally, with my deep thanks for your forbearance thus far, I offer a few last thoughts as terminal punctuation to what I consider the most insidious and immediate existential threat to humanity.

The biggest threat, transhumanism, with the ultimate goal of some within that movement to create a global hive mind, resulting in a total eradication of individuality, lurks a mere twenty or thirty years in our future. I see the current push for socialism, most popular now among young adults who have never experienced true socialism, as a warning alarm for society's acceptance of a world government overseen by a small group of global elites, such as those who attended the 2021 Davos Forum (whose agenda included a plan to collapse the middleclass.) If that world government is ever brought into being, there will be little resistance to an incremental creation of the hive mind that will signal the absolute death of humankind.

But let's back up a little and examine how we have gotten to this very precarious moment in time.

Throughout history, world leaders and others have used the nebulous term *New World Order* to describe varying forms of government. Long before Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Adolf Hitler, Mikhail Gorbachev, Robert Kennedy, and George H.W. Bush expressed their desires for a new world order, the phrase *novus ordo seclorum*, Latin for "New Order of the Ages," has appeared on the Great Seal of the United States (since 1778) and on the back of the one-dollar bill (since 1935). What the phrase means depends on whom you ask. Free enterprise enthusiasts attack the notion as a label for those who would implement a centralized world government with absolute control over the world's populace, resources, and economy. Those on the political left attack the term when proposed by conservatives to mean a world governed by the interests of multinational capitalists. Anti-globalists denounce the idea of a one-world government in any form, whether ruled by economics or socialist ideals.

Is the American Deep State an aspect of the new world order movement? Some of the sources listed above suggest exactly that. Others, however, see the Deep State as nothing more than the attempt of those who hold power to further augment and solidify that power — at the expense, in every case, of states' rights and, consequently, individual rights and liberties.

Whatever the terms *deep state* and *new world order* mean to you, one thing remains clear: any government that aims to provide for *all* of the citizens' needs is a government that aims to

weaken those citizens and to cultivate in them the disease of dependency so that the government can then do with the citizens and their resources what it will. Add the evils of *secrecy* and *unaccountability* to this recipe, and you have a government that declares itself concerned and benign but does so only to conceal that it is the antithesis of benign. It is a government with wholly selfish and evil intentions. With one hand it will offer one thing — free healthcare, for example, or guaranteed monthly stipends — only so that its citizens will not see what it is doing with the other hand — systematically stripping them of their rights and liberties.

A truly strong nation can never be comprised of citizens dependent on its government but only of citizens tending independently to their own lives with as little interference as possible from its government. With every election, each citizen must choose between a nation strengthened by the independence of its citizens or a government strengthened by its citizens' weakness and inaction. If we do not choose the first option, elections will cease to have any meaning at all.

Where does our current government fall? Is it working for the people or working for itself? Whose playbook is it following? Is the tail wagging the dog? Read the quote below, read carefully and slowly enough to see the irony of it, and make your own decision:

“A shrewd conqueror will always enforce his exactions on the conquered only by stages, as far as that is possible. Then he may expect that a people who have lost all strength of character...will not find in any of these acts of oppression, if one be enforced apart from the other, sufficient grounds for taking up arms again. The more numerous the extortions thus passively accepted so much the less will resistance appear justified in the eyes of other people... And that is specially so if the nation has already patiently and silently accepted impositions which were much more exacting.

“...those responsible for a cowardly submission cannot be expected suddenly to take thought with themselves, for the purpose of changing their former conduct and directing it in the way pointed out by human reason and experience. On the contrary, they will repudiate such a doctrine, until the people either become permanently habituated to the yoke of slavery or the better elements of the nation push their way into the foreground and forcibly take power away from the hands of an infamous and corrupt regime. In the first case those who hold power will be pleased with the state of affairs, because the conquerors often entrust them with the task of supervising the slaves. And these utterly characterless beings then exercise that power to the detriment of their own people, more cruelly than the most cruel-hearted stranger that might be nominated by the enemy himself.” Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf*

Yes, the Left has appropriated the strategies of the most hideous human monster in contemporary history. And as the saying goes, a fish rots from the head down. Rotten elements of our own government took a page out of the Fuhrer's playbook many, many years ago, and have so perfected the techniques described therein that we as a nation have become sufficiently complacent and weak as to allow these invasions of our privacy and these suppressions of our Constitutionally-protected free expression. Nor are these travesties foisted on us by the

government alone, but also by the media and by our nation's teachers and by other average citizens who participate in these abhorrent practices just as surely as Nazi sympathizers participated in the previous century. If such censorship and group-think intimidation and ostracization are not the dictionary definition of *totalitarianism*, I don't know what is.

This nation is quickly becoming, just as JFK and others warned, not the USA but the USSA, and of an insidious nature never before equaled in history. Newspapers, social media, news broadcasts, and even institutions of so-called higher learning have become mouthpieces and propaganda sheets — this nation's *Pravda*.

If time travel technology actually does exist, and if elements of the military/industrial/congressional/et cetera complex have access to that technology, there can be not a scintilla of doubt that those elements have used and are using the technology to advance their own agendas.

Before the internet, it was a lot easier to avoid nasty truths. Now the truth is not only out there, it's everywhere. An hour perusing Greenwald's Black Vault documents or the articles and statistics compiled at [Transparent Government Spending | Open The Books](#) will bring that inescapable conclusion into crystal clarity. A government for the people? Not in these United Snakes of America. Not for a long time now. The government exists not for the public good but to feather the beds and love nests of those in office. The paths to riches on a public servant's salary are myriad. Rent out the Lincoln bedroom. Sell access to one's office. Sell work contracts to the highest bidder and take enormous kickbacks for your so-called philanthropic foundation. Coerce companies affiliated with foreign governments to put your family members on the board, or to accept your best friend's contract bid. Pocket the money that comes in and don't worry about the cash flowing out, it's not yours, it's the sheeple's. Don't like your prospects for reelection? Redraw the districts, stuff the ballot boxes, plant lies within the media, start a fake narrative, bribe and coerce, deny, deflect, deceive.

It used to be that the citizenry could vote the corrupt and scurrilous out of office, but recent elections indicate that this recourse is no longer available. What do elections avail if the scurrilous face no such public scrutiny? The scum atop the swamp has been accumulating year by year to the extent that it now lays so deep that only a catastrophic civil war or other cataclysm can remove it.

Our parents and grandparents fought because they understood the singular importance of this country as a beacon of liberty, and we understand it too. If such a war becomes necessary, I am confident that there will be several battalions of we golden-agers, though white-haired and brittle yet still able to shoulder a weapon, ready to lay down our lives in service to the noblest cause of all, the preservation of family and freedom. Whether the tyranny comes at the hands of another country, another species, or from inside our own government, if this country falls, so falls the world.

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In our most recent presidential election, approximately half of the country voted for a man who, though his policies did strengthen the country and individual liberties, lost the election because his outsized ego would not allow him to keep his foot out of his mouth. The other half

voted for a career-long denizen of the swamp and a man who likely sold access to the office of Vice President, and who is now doing everything in his power to turn the United States into a third world country. Both men are deeply flawed, both tainted by one form of corruption or another, but the duplicity and utter disregard for American citizens practiced every day by the Biden administration has had no equal in American history.

So why did so many Americans cast their vote for him?

Why have we as a society grown so accustomed to mediocrity and fraud that we are willing to accept it in our so-called leaders? Why have we allowed the most dishonest, incompetent, self-serving, or perfidious among us — those possessed of an insatiable greed for power or wealth, and who evince a barely concealed contempt for the citizens whose money they will appropriate without a moment of remorse or shame — to rise to these positions of power? Why do we lack the resolve and moral certitude to prevent them, with our votes and denunciation, from ever assuming public office?

Because we have no authentic heroes to stand in their stead.

Where *are* our heroes?

A society with no exemplars of integrity and resolve is a society that flounders, as ours has been doing since the birth of the intelligence communities. Now there can be little argument that the true government is held under the clandestine sway of a malign military/industrial/congressional/intelligence/media complex. Orwell's *1984* has not arrived, but Dr. Frankenstein's has.

Where are our heroes now?

Those few individuals in public service who display honor amidst the dishonorable too soon drop out, beaten down by the overwhelming attacks by those who oppose them. The United States of America, once the noblest idea in history, is now governed almost completely by liars and hypocrites, criminals and frauds. Their methods are to deflect, deny, deceive, suppress, and cover up, all while launching one barrage of poisonous arrows after another at any who would stand in opposition to their nefarious agenda. This is the new tyranny, the new totalitarianism. Its tactics are shame, bullying, intimidation, lies, exaggerations, and character assassination. Those who do not readily succumb to their pressure are ostracized and dispossessed of their ability to make a living.

In the past, the potential for being caught and arrested would serve as a governor for most criminal and unethical deeds by those in office. But what happens when the leaders themselves are corrupt, as are prosecutors and the judges and the jailers who serve them? What happens when freedom of the press is stomped into the muddy ground by the journalists themselves? The populace has little choice then but to rise up in revolution or to turn its back on the ubiquitous corruption and cower in fear.

But what makes a hero?

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First of all, a hero is not an individual who has no fear of the possible consequences of his or her actions. Fearlessness is, at worst, a kind of foolishness, and is at best a failure to recognize potentially dire results. A hero is an individual who proceeds *in spite of* a fearful anticipation of adverse consequences. A true hero never views him or herself as a hero, but as a servant, a protector, a guardian of others. A hero never acts for personal gain, but is willing to sacrifice his or her own welfare, wealth, position, and even life for the welfare of others. A hero is principled, and guided in his or her actions to assist those in need, and to hurt none but the guilty. An American hero cherishes and promotes freedom of expression, freedom of thought, and all of the other freedoms granted to us by God and guaranteed by the Constitution, and he or she would never consider or abide awarding those freedoms to some by stripping them from others. A hero is willing to fight and even die to protect those freedoms, especially on behalf of those unable or too frightened to fight.

Unfortunately, our current government, including whoever is really pulling the strings behind the curtain, is comprised of feckless individuals afraid to offend the enemy. Because of that, what has been and will continue to be the result of our country's interactions with Russia and China? A bully must be confronted and bested in one way or another. Failure to do so, as every victim of a bully must learn sooner or later, is to invite not only continued bullying but intensified bullying.

Where are our heroes now?

At some point in time, and probably not too far into the future, the world will look back on a handful of courageously outspoken individuals in and out of government as heroes, and rightfully so. In regards to government secrecy and duplicity, especially as it applies to hiding the truth of our reality, individuals such as Linda Moulton Howe, Richard Dolan, John Greenwald Jr., George Knapp, and others struggling to enlighten the world should also be recognized as heroes. Many of us already view them in that light. But not enough of us. The truth *is* out there, right under our noses, but not enough people are searching for it or even want to know it exists.

We need more heroes who will insist that the truth be exposed to all. The world needs a whole army of them — *quiet lionhearts*, to borrow a phrase from author Wilbur Smith — who will let the truth shine forth. They need to be so loud and insistent and united that they force the blind to see and the deaf to hear, and so that they drown out the censors and liars and con artists and send them slithering back beneath the rocks from under which they came.

Without such heroes, the last ramparts of this democracy will surely fall, tyranny will triumph, and freedom will die a certain death.

Yes, there are true heroes among us, but to a complacent and often willfully ignorant populace, only millionaire celebrities and athletes are to be admired, and not for their heroic acts but for their wealth and fame. How have we come to this warped, and one might even say *demented* vision of what constitutes heroism and leadership? How did we as a nation become so apathetic and weak as to allow the swamp to deepen and the scum to thicken until the larger part of our government is fully submerged in it?

Every generation since the Great Depression has grown progressively weaker — not in terms of physical strength, but in individual self-reliance and self-discipline. The welfare policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal provided food and other assistance to those *unable* to provide for themselves and their families. In the 1960s, federal aid was extended to those who were *not* elderly or disabled, further enriching the very destructive notion that the government should provide for virtually *anybody* who did not wish to work and contribute. The Welfare Reform Act of 1996 applied restrictions to welfare applicants in an attempt to curtail the rampant fraud within the welfare system, but today somewhere between *one-fifth and one-third* of all Americans, many of them able-bodied, receive federal assistance in the form of food stamps, housing subsidies, medical care, and/or cash payments. And according to the Center for Immigration Studies, roughly two-thirds of all noncitizen households in this country access welfare programs, frequently through their children, to whom welfare restrictions do not apply. The ease with which the government hands out taxpayers' money in this way *does not* produce a stronger society; it weakens society and makes it more dependent upon assistance by directly *de-incentivizing* the virtues of self-discipline and self-reliance. And it promotes this weakness generation after generation. But the welfare state is not the only factor contributing to our escalating debilitation.

In the flush of peace and brisk economy following World War II, many of we baby boomers, instead of being ingrained with those nobler virtues, were coddled and pampered by our parents. We, in turn, coddled our own children, the Gen Xers and Millennials, the first generations to grow up wholly comfortable with the technologies of the digital world. They, to an even greater degree, amplified those too-permissive and indulgent practices in raising their own children. The end result of this, so far, is two and half generations of individuals overwhelmingly reliant on technology throughout the course of every day.

I watched this transition taking place in my classrooms over the past forty years. Not only did I observe the decrease in math and literacy scores, but, even more alarmingly, in critical thinking skills. More and more frequently, my students ceased to think for themselves but espoused a kind of hive mind, adopting as truth what they heard on social media. The individual thinker, the free spirit, the nonconformist became all too rare in the classroom, and was often bullied off the campus.

I read thousands of those students' personal essays, their confessions, and came to know their dreams and their fears. Many of them, even some who grew up in rural America, grew up afraid of being alone, afraid of the dark, afraid of any forest or wilderness area without a paved road within a short walk. If denied the use of their cell phones and laptops and other technologies, their minds would go blank. Take away their technologies for a full day and they would begin to panic. The notion of delayed gratification was anathema to them, their tolerance for pain and struggle abysmally low.

These young people have become so addicted to the comfort provided by technology that any disturbance to their status quo will reduce them to paroxysms of anguish. How will they respond in the dark silence following a nationwide or global grid down event?

Nearly everything we do these days requires electricity from one source or another. But even a suitcase-size electromagnetic pulse device can send out an electromagnetic pulse (EMP)

powerful enough to wipe out a significant part of the power grid. So can a major ice storm across a whole region of the country, or a flood, a fire, a wind storm, an earthquake. In a power grid failure that lasts weeks or months or more, how will today's generations survive?

A December 2019 article in *Variety* states that the average American home has eleven internet-connected devices — a number that is projected to soar as 5G becomes widely available — which the average American eighteen and older uses, according to a Nielsen 2019 Total Audience Report, an average of ten and half hours a day. But how many of those individuals possess the skills and knowledge to fend for themselves and their loved ones during a grid down disaster?

During such an event, their knowledge base will have been erased. Have you noticed how few print books line the walls in the homes of people under forty? That's because their books, their resources, are all on their phones and laptops and other devices. Yes, in a prolonged disaster these individuals can listen to their playlists until the batteries die, and they can type out their last wills and testaments, but their technology will not keep them alive for long after they have been cast into a lifestyle last practiced two hundred years ago.

How many of the past three generations are capable of spending a day in the woods gathering and dragging home a hundred pounds of windfall branches to heat their rooms for a couple of nights? How many even know how to build a fire without an electric match? How many know how to gather seeds and plant them and harvest them? How many, while they wait for their first crop to grow, can go into the woods armed with only a knife and ball of string and come out two hours later with a bow and arrows and a fishing pole? How many possess the equipment and knowledge to bring down, gut, and skin a deer, a rabbit, or a squirrel? All of these skills and others were learned and practiced by much of my generation, often during what we considered our play time, but how many generations since are similarly equipped?

Now add this over-reliance on technology to the limits of our public system of education, and to the push by the thought police to stamp out originality of thought and expression and behavior, and to the praise many parents heap upon their children for even mediocre performance, and it becomes clear why we now live in a conformist society. All of these forces have conspired to subvert the natural tendency in children to be free and daring and curious, and has turned them instead into non-thinking, non-questioning automatons of social conformism. They have stopped paying attention to anything that does not appear on a screen or speak to them from a handheld machine. They have become passive and noncritical, informed only partially, at best. In this world, individuality and self-sufficiency are penalized, conformity is rewarded.

This is what our coddling and our technologies have done to our children and grandchildren. It has doomed them, should any real disaster occur to our country or planet — and experts tell us that it is not a matter of *if* but *when*. This country's very vulnerable power grid will be the most likely target. A national grid down event could be brought about by a domestic or foreign physical attack, a domestic or foreign cyber-attack, a massive solar flare, a gamma-ray burst caused by a high altitude nuclear explosion, or even operator error. It's happened many times already, but always in a limited region, and, so far, by accident. But a deliberate take-out of the grid would not be as difficult to pull off as you might assume.

In the June 12, 1981 issue of *Science*, author William J. Broad's article "Nuclear Pulse (III): Playing a Wild Card" states the following: "The United States is frequently crossed by picture-taking Cosmos series satellites that orbit at a height of 200 to 450 kilometers above the earth. Just one of these satellites, carrying a few pounds of enriched plutonium instead of a camera, might touch off instant coast-to-coast pandemonium." How many satellites *now* crisscross the earth? Estimates range from four to six thousand. And how many powerful players, domestic and foreign, would love to see the United States brought to its knees?

The consequences of such an event are fairly predictable. Immediately following a grid down or other cataclysmic event will come an incipient panic generated by a sense of confusion and helplessness among the masses. The store shelves will empty in a matter of hours, as they did after announcement of the Covid-19 pandemic. Then will come mounting hysteria, then widespread panic, stealing, looting, and violence. If the disaster lasts long enough, suicides will be commonplace in every family. So will euthanasia and murder.

This might sound like material for a doomsday novel, but it is also an inevitability for a world that relies so fervently on its technology that it has stopped thinking and doing for itself.

Some in our government would look forward to such an incident, a sudden dissolution of sanity that will allow the powerful to invoke absolute control over all of society. As for those relative few — those among our so-called leaders who view the masses as sheep, who see us as expendable and deplorable, who strive to keep us compliant and unaware — we have allowed their arrogance to fester too long. Corruption and duplicity have been endemic to governing bodies since the Roman Senate and well before. It is the job of *the people* to surrender their childish gullibility, to open wide their eyes and ears, to inform themselves, to live vigilantly, each and every one of us a sentinel, a guard, a watchful custodian of truth and freedom. Only then can we keep corruption and duplicity to a minimum, whether through the voting booth, protests, civil disobedience, or, should it ever become necessary, by forceful resistance.

History is on the side of the people. Again and again those who value truth have eventually mustered the courage to call out the liars, and those who cherish freedom have stood against tyranny, and those who revere liberty have struck down those who would enslave them.

Corruption cannot stand unless we allow it to stand. Corruption is, by the very nature of its adherents, weak and worm-eaten, gangrenous and doomed. Like a blighted branch, it must be cut from the tree before the disease spreads to the roots, or else the tree itself, this once noble and statuesque tree we call Liberty, will rot from the inside-out, topple, and die.

*Rise like lions after slumber
In unvanquishable number,
Shake your chains to earth like dew
That in sleep had fallen on you.
We are many, they are few.*
"The Masque of Anarchy," Percy Bysshe Shelley

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