

2012, Jan 14

Saturday History Call

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Hard News:

Camp Loveway: imagine a cosmic ride through the centre of the Milky Way!

We are going to meet people from there like you'd meet on Star Trek!

Taren spoke of growing up in Tara's area of Chicago [Evanston, Ill] - spoke of how praying mantis people came to his bedside when he had whooping cough; used their pincers and went into his lungs and cured them - didn't tell his Christian parents, but shared this experience today to help get us ready

- David Icke spoke of various galactic being, and of walking on the side of the Amazon River, doing the aywashka - he had a choice and had to think about coming back or not; Source told him he'd signed the document and, in that moment, he came back through the little pin hole - we signed up for the mission; we need to do it
- spoke of the spontaneous particle showing up - R calls it the 5th element, the extra added piece-
- more and more of the galactics are stepping into the picture, unprecedented, and only seems to be uncalled for.
- David says the critical mass has been reached and more want peace than want war - talks of maybe within 2 weeks, Euro takes its final tumble, and Eurozone breaks up.
- Mother Russia and Merkel come to the rescue of the EU; she has to tell the story of her daddy - who is Hitler - like the son of Peter Solomon
- David and Taren - we have Lucifer on the planet campaigning for President of US; unprecedented unexpected piece is Arab Spring and the brotherhoods and sister hoods are here.
- David has spoken to Benjamin Creme and that Lord Maitraya is on the planet, healing all. - How do we get these stories out?
 - The White Knights will take the stations over; when Asthar gives the signal, the real news will be broadcast
- These guys are playing with Russian roulette and never know when the silver bullet [St G] will show up and take them out

- Original story about the medici bankers
- David Icke said that Hitler was a war hero, had balls! The dog and pony show over here re: 9/11 and to this day, Jesse Ventura cannot explain the dust on the girders which are locked up.
- David Icke talking of Ahmadinejad shutting the Straits of Hormuz - it is about currency, not the petro dollar - this is why Republicans and crazies are talking of Iran having a nuke to be detonated over Israel.
- This has to do with why the unusual particles are showing up from the sun, and the spontaneous transformation of the half life of the isotopes becoming one with the sun; our DNA is changing
 - Icke spoke of certain folks getting their super human abilities back and doing things - the good news is not being reported.
 - This needs to be reported - why the independent radio stations and T & R need to keep going

Chris Hayes: *Up with Chris Hayes* this morning - try and listen

David Wilcox - use **Firefox to open, not Internet Explorer** - has something to do with whatever is being played - his 3rd instalment about Neil Keenan and the \$134 T lawsuit - why Putin and Merkel will get on the stage and tell the story.

Journal News:

JP Morgan largest American banker - 90 cents per share, down 23% from same quarter last year.

- Revenue is down; profits down
- Bank of America - having problems - said might have to see of bits of the bank
- View from Wall Street: partially the reason why it was down on Friday trading
Down grading Italy, Spain, Belgium
- Consumer confidence may be up, but the markets are still down - just how confident are consumers?
- Auto show in Detroit: new electric cars are on display from Southern California; can go 240 miles on 1 charge - company has only 40 dealers in US and Canada
 - Tesla Motors from Silicon Valley - costs 50,000 Euros; can go 480 miles on one charge
 - Nissan Leaf - still the leader
 - will be years until electric vehicles hit the main market;
- Eco-friendly Olympics: Russia has them in 2013
 - Winter games have greater need for power; now 3rd water tower in the games area
 - water is being re-cycled through the power plant and tower [German company]
 - German technology is at the forefront of this kind of technology
- No smoking at the office, yet still allowed to have a "smoke break" - individual companies have to own policies

T: Germany has already shut down 50% of their nuclear reactors

- The new science is breaking down the half life, so mother nature herself is saying you think you can regulate things - now you can see Mother there
- Thom Hartmann spent a lot of time in Germany: they are doing well because they cut peoples' hours, they did not lay anyone off.
- Their economy was consistently stimulated as the gov't paid the rest of the salaries
- Does not think they will try to save the Euro

- France got demoted by S and P; thinks Austria also has been demoted - within a couple of weeks, all of Europe will be
- **don't take anything too seriously**
- the Divine brotherhoods and sisterhoods are here: time for Star Fleet Academy!

Thom Hartmann: Friday Show, **Sam Seder as host**

- Talking of stunning turn of events where we see Republicans Newt and Perry turning on Romney, not for anything in personal life or illicit, but his role in the financial co - **it is a moral critique of capitalism** that we never hear from the Republicans, seldom from Democrats, and consistently from the Occupy folks
- Fascinating when one who is so much part of the establishment is getting attacked.
- Thom spoke of **Jared Diamond's book *Collapse*** - they are so far removed emotionally and intellectually from ordinary people, and as a result they drive the country over the cliff
- Thom plays Romney being interviewed by Matt Lauer - Clip #9 - Matt asks if it is . . .
"it's only appropriate to talk about income inequality in quiet rooms!!!" **Romney's words!**
- This is an implicit agreement that there is massive income inequality; but don't talk about it in public : just don't want the peasants to understand how they are getting screwed
- The real question is what is the Pres of the US going to do with this gift he is being handed by Newt, Perry, Romney?
- Speech by Kruger, chairman of BO's economic policy board - Kruger speaks as Robert Reich does
 - Thom's book *Screwed* is about the middle class growth, and the fight for political and social change
 - Kruger says people would have had an extra \$5900 per year to use - didn't happen

Caller: Calling re Reich's comments -

Sam: **we've socialized the risks and privatized the rewards - a general statement, need to look at each case - need to use the loans carefully**

Guest: Robert Reich [see www.RobertReich.org]

[SEE BELOW]

Sam: liked the piece "**The Bain of Capitalism**"

RR: has been making the same attacks on Mitt R and now it is refreshing to hear Newt, & other Republicans talk about leveraged capitalism

SS: Perry calls it vulture capitalism; yet it is not a unique form of capitalism

RR: began in the 1980s - borrowing a lot of money, taking over companies, putting them in danger because of the rate of loans, letting people go, selling the company for a profit - the essence of what Repub economists say we need: get rid of under performing companies - yet lots of pain for the workers

RR: When we talk of under performing companies, we are not talking of companies that are destined to fail but companies that can be squeezed for profits and shares because the companies being too sensitive to their communities, to their workers, to the quality of their product

SS: he has the sense that the leverage buy-out stuff is about turning companies into financial products

RR: Companies spoke of their stake holders as being important voices in the companies - workers, communities, the share holder; now the share holder is the only one of importance and companies now exist only for that one stakeholder: the share holder. If you buy companies that are too sensitive and squeeze them, you can squeeze out more profit

SS: RR takes the story one step further and challenges the critics of Bain Capital to take the next

step - but they won't answer, so what would RR do?

- RR:** should restrict leverage buyouts - either prohibited, or prohibited from putting companies in debt
- or maybe hold company stock for a certain period of time instead of flipping them
 - or if you flip them, your capital tax should be 40, 50 60%
 - The media and the voters ought to be saying :what Romney does is wrong; what laws should be put in place

Sam: the Democrats should be doing this. The movie made is to the left of main stream Democrats

- RR:** Perry is criticising Romney for using peoples' money to make bets so they can make more
- that is why there was a Glass Speigal law
 - an opportunity now for the Democrats to reform capitalism
 - Bain Capital is still doing the same thing, still on a rampage

Sam: will hear the Occupy folks following on this

- the real value of these attacks will be felt by the American people

Sam: big week coming up with Occupy demonstrations across the country

- parallel to the Newt, Perry attack on Romney & leverage capitalists who see no value in workers' rights and benefits

Occupy Wall Street rep: she has been with them since Day 8

- Jan 15th - MLK's actual birthday: candlelight service and Share the Dream - across the world from St. John's the Divine [where vigil is] then march to the church where MLK spoke to the people about the Viet Nam war, racial injustice

Sam: least celebrated is his anti war and broader issues of social justice, addressed at Riverside Church

OWS: can't afford to have him represented as vapid

- She has taught for over 10 years and from the social justice perspective
- This new generation of activists and visionaries need to know what MLK really was

Sam: it is uncomfortable to look back and see him being called all those names

- Monday: www.OccupyDream.org - also upload the video for the candlelight vigil
 - meeting in front of Fed Reserve buildings in NYC and across countries
 - also going to honour King in the African Burial Ground - she did not get taught that there were slaves in NYC
- Never again should there be this kind of injustice - social, economic - yet it exists now

Sam: rest of week Occupy Congress

After the burial ground, march to Fed

Sam: On loan from the Majority Report

- thinks Occupy is most exciting thing in his entire lifetime - it has broadened the scope of the meaning of "politics" - much more than just electoral, but changing the scope entirely
- how quickly the narrative re-focused from austerity and cutting, to jobs and wages and lack of social mobility in US which is far down the list in all countries
- **PEW poll:** 34% think there are strong conflicts between young and old
[This idea was started by Repubs saying there will be no social support for people in the future] Yet the social security fund is good to 2036
 - 38% between black and whites
 - 62% between immigrants
 - 66% serious class warfare between Americans
- These numbers cut across the age, social lines

- strong conflicts between rich & poor: at same time as Newt comes out with his anti capitalism movie

Sam: a clip from Princeton - students are listening to someone from J P Morgan and suddenly do a "mike check" - will try and get the video up on www.ThomHartmann.com

- These college kids know they are from a privileged background yet they are speaking up and saying there are other things to do to be successful in life than just chase money

Audio: Anonymous Turning the internet back on

- explaining to the plutocrats about the rebellious situation
- information has reached critical mass
- a huge collective consciousness via electronics
- no matter what they do, the more violent the actions they undertake, the more they reveal their weakness
- change is happening
- the people should never fear the government; the government should fear the people

Audio: Sam Seder in for Thom H

- Steve Colbert contemplating a run for president; handed over his Super Pac to Jon Stewart
- The Montana Supreme Court in defiance of Federal Supreme Court said corporations and Citizens United does not apply to us
- State finance laws got hit [statutes from 1912], yet Montana said "our statute is different and we are different and here is why"
- Justice Kennedy of the Supreme Court assumed a number of entities would be at arm's length

Sam: polite way of saying he did a 180 in 2 months.

Dalia: hinged his decision on the idea of complete transparency - yet you know they are not coordinating [super pacs not coordinating with the candidates] - yet

- there is no transparency or independence as Citizens United said there would be - the Super Pacs have completely taken over - they were supposed to file quarterly, but the disclosure won't come until next month - the **deadlines have been re-jiggered**

Sam: when Judge Kennedy talks of transparency, this is part of his discussion -

- but there is no law in place to make sure it happens
- people in S Carolina will only find out who donated AFTER election

Dalia: Yes, super pacs will work around this by doing this or that; had Citizens United provided another rule, could be different - but . . .

Guest is Dalia Lithwick of Slate - knowledgeable about Citizens United

Sam: Montana does not believe that money corrupts, but we know it does

Dalia: yes, one thing they say is you know nothing about Montana and the copper kings - MT was ruined by out of state robber barons and the 1912 statute addressed that

- he just lays out with one private group that has tried to buy elections in Montana and how someone told candidates the donations would not be found out [no one would find out sources]

Sam: Montana supreme Court says we are not going to accept the Citizens United ruling

- What is the law of the land in Montana now?

Dalia: their rules of campaigns financing stand, yet the money is on their objection getting smacked down

- yet their law is in tune with the Occupy movement across the US

Sam: the US Supreme Court upheld the congressional report to keep foreign nationals out

Dalia:

Sam: If we are to overturn Citizens United and say that corporations do not have the right to free speech as they are not human, so what do we do with Viacom or MSNBC, for example?

Dalia: now can see how hard the 1st amendment rights are

- All this exploded because of the split on the Supreme Court, with some fingers on the scales for corporations
- Liberals supported the corporations in this case because they believe passionately in free speech.

Sam: Jan 17 MLK Day

On Jan 17, signatures are due to recall Scott Walker in Wisconsin - needed 500,000 signatures

- petition organizers will submit 1.5 MILLION signatures - this will probably ruin S W's week; yet his problem may not be as big as employees who had their pensions cut

Caller: from AZ - how is "person" defined?

Sam: Citizens United did not define people; already established that they have 1st amendment rights, and it's against their rights to stop them from contributing to politics

- Need to pass an amendment that says corporations are not people

Caller: the Occupy movement will help this - little by little, freedom of speech being chipped away

- Bless Montana

Caller: from New Mexico - thanks for bringing up the Powell Memorandum - it was the beginning of what's been going on for the last 30 years - can see the long range planning

Sam: the 30 year anniversary was a month ago - Lewis Powell was an attorney for the US Chamber of Commerce - how they could strike back against social movements and unionizing rights

- he was also applied to the Supreme Court and be the swing vote
- Jeff Clement Corporations are not People a chapter dedicated to this memo and how much was sketched out in that memo

Caller: from Florida - what Romney is about - a monopoly capitalist; the group that gave him power and wealth, the Repubs have distorted the meaning of capitalism - how can you have a true free market systems when 20% hold 95% of the tools

Sam: there is no such thing as a free market - can only talk of a theoretical

- David Grayburn - 5000 Years of Debt - markets didn't exist in nature; a function of societies
- once someone starts to organize it, it is no longer free
- Our markets organized to disadvantage labour and most everyone

Caller: about what the President plans on doing about consolidation

- when Bush came into office, expanded CIA and so on - how many intelligence arms? Why not bring it back to the original 4?

Sam: the military industrial complex is a huge racket and a lot of privatization in it like Giuliani's companies which are in it to make money, not to protect us

- There are police departments in Oklahoma with tanks! Where did they get the money?
- Chicago - 3.2 taser incidents a day - just getting all kinds of \$\$\$ for equipment

Caller: thinks over turning Citizens United might be too big - why not look at Congress as the citizens' employees & post the amount \$they get & post amount of time they spend talking to lobbyists

Sam: inhibit the rotating doors - most viable solution

Sam: google "When Mitt Romney Came to Town"

- Article in NY Times - when the media lost sight of their job:
- "Should the Times be a truth vigilante?" by Arthur Brisbane, the paper's ombudsman
Up to now, the NYT reporters accept the words of the news maker without context - eg, if Romney is outside and says it's a sunny day and there will be more of them when I'm president". Should the reporter also say "It's raining outside as we speak?"
- When Mitt Romney says that Bain capital has created 100,000 jobs - the reporter can say yes he did, and he also contributed to the loss of 100,000 jobs.

What is the value of a news source that is just saying the candidates are promising such things?

Caller: yes, NY Times article is stunning

- Yet so is Wisconsin! 5.6 million people live in Wisconsin, by the time those who can't vote are removed from the numbers, he gets to 2 M people and **1.5 M want the gov out** - that is stunning!
- The best thing that has happened for democracy in this country

Sam: thinks by the spring, people will be acting on the idea of withholding labour - put themselves on the line as the Occupy movement is doing - force gov't to do something about this!

Reading: **The Dead Billionaires Club - The Dead can't vote, but Should They Give?** [SEE BELOW]

Audio: **Anonymous**
they got bailed out, we got sold out

Audio: songs - Richard's picks, one of Rama's

Astrology: **Richard**

Reading: **Spontaneous Evolution has arrived!** [SEE BELOW]

- David Sereda - since 2006, scientists seeing a decay rates in particles that have always been stable - a change of one tenth which is unheard of
- when a particle speeds up, it radiates more light

Richard: the pathway is from galactic Centre through several stars to our sun, and from our sun to the rest of the solar system

T: even small changes in these particles make profound changes in our DNA

- Sereda said because the children are in a rapid change rate, change will happen quickly for them
- sun will reach a solar maximum in 2013
- there is spiritual energy coming in like never before and the people are exuberant with this changeover
- **talking of how the photon belt pulled us into the MW galaxy in 2006** - we are being pulled in as if on a tractor beam - 450 light years from earth, it comes from Alcyone, the great central sun in the Pleiades

R: In a ship, at warp force 9.9.9 - it would a little over 8 hours, earth time, to get there [Alcyone]
The lapse that used to be there is disappearing more and more:

T: a drastic earth change event - Sereda thinking the change is coming from the photon belt

- Each age has an energy signature to it - electrical air signature of Aquarius - truthfulness, divine order, all that is for the best for all humanity; world wide corruption will come to an end soon, so focus on solutions [not fear]

Reading: 2012, Jan 7 **Waging War against Iran is a Criminal Act, in Violation of International Law : The death toll from World War III will be incalculable...** [SEE BELOW]

Audio: **Change is on the Horizon: Part 2 - The American Federal Empire**

Part 2 - The American Federal Empire. America was always meant to be always a shining beacon of freedom and prosperity to the world. But the machinations of British bankers and the Rothschilds soon destroyed all that was once good in this great land.

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

Closing: **Rainbird**

T: Bill Moyers has returned www.billmoyers.com

Moyers and Company is the name of the new program

- core question the show seeks to address: economic inequality & the interplay it has with American Democracy: this is the biggest story of our time -have-nots have less than they ever had, the have-it-alls have more than they ever had
- since 1979, 40% of the growth of income has gone to less than 1/10 of 1% of Americans.
- We are living in the 2nd gilded age; the 1st gilded age of the Industrial Revolution released enormous wealth at the top and excruciating misery at the bottom
- Took up to the New Deal and the New Deal to re-dress those imbalances - shared prosperity has disappeared
- Moyers a member of Council of Foreign Relations - still have to watch

Audio: Dream with Me in Concert

2012, Jan 10 [The Bain of Capitalism](#)

[Tuesday, January 10, 2012](#)

It's one thing to criticize Mitt Romney for being a businessman with the wrong values. It's quite another to accuse him and his former company, Bain Capital, of doing bad things. If what Bain Capital did under Romney was bad for society, the burden shifts to Romney's critics to propose laws that would prevent Bain and other companies from doing such bad things in the future.

Don't hold your breath.

Newt Gingrich says Bain under Romney carried out "clever legal ways to loot a company." Gingrich calls it the "Wall Street model" where "you can basically take out all the money, leaving behind the workers," and charges that "if someone comes in, takes all the money out of your company and then leaves you bankrupt while they go off with millions, that's not traditional capitalism."

Where has Newt been for the last thirty years? Leveraged buyouts became part of traditional capitalism in the 1980s when enterprising financiers began borrowing piles of money, often at high interest rates, to buy up the stock of ongoing companies they believe undervalued. They'd back the loans with the company assets, then typically sell off divisions and slim payrolls, and resell the company to the public at a higher share price – pocketing the gains.

It's a good deal for the financiers (the \$25 billion buyout of RJR-Nabisco in 1988 netted the partners of Kohlberg, Kravis, and Roberts around \$70 million each – and most of Mitt Romney's estimated \$200 million fortune comes from the same maneuvers), but not always for the company or its workers.

Some workers lose their jobs when the company downsizes. Others, when the company, now laden with debt, can't meet its payments to creditors and has to go into bankruptcy. According to the Wall Street Journal, of 77 companies Bain invested in during Romney's tenure there, 22 percent either filed for bankruptcy or closed their doors by end of eighth year after Bain's investment.

But, hey, this is American capitalism – at least as it's been practiced for the past three decades. Is Newt proposing to ban leveraged buyouts? Or limit the amount of debt a company can take on? Or prevent financiers – or even CEOs and management teams – from taking a public company private and then reselling it to the public at a higher price?

None of the above.

Rick Perry criticizes Romney and Bain pushing the quest for profits too far. "There is nothing wrong with being successful and making money," says Perry. "But getting rich off failure and sticking someone else with the bill is indefensible."

Yet getting rich off failure and sticking someone else with the bill is what Wall Street financiers try to do every day. It's called speculation – and at least since the demise of the Glass-Steagall Act, investment bankers have been allowed to gamble with commercial bank deposits, other people's money.

So is Perry proposing to resurrect Glass-Steagall? Not a chance.

Gingrich, Perry, and others are putting particular focus on the people who lost their jobs as a result of Romney's Bain Capital. Gingrich's Super PAC will be running \$3.5 million of ads featuring emotional interviews with some of them.

But what, exactly, are Romney's opponents proposing to do about layoffs that harm so many people? Millions of Americans have lost their jobs over the last four years – and as a result have often lost their health insurance, their homes, and their savings.

Are Gingrich, Perry, and others proposing to expand health insurance coverage for jobless Americans and their families? All I hear from the Republicans is their determination to repeal the law that President Obama championed – which still leaves millions of Americans uninsured. Do Romney's opponents have plans to keep people in their homes even when they've lost their jobs and can't pay their mortgages? No. Do they propose expanding unemployment insurance? If memory serves, most of them were opposed to the last extension.

I'm all in favor of reforming capitalism, but you'll permit me some skepticism when it comes to criticisms of Bain Capital coming from Romney's Republican opponents. None of these Republican candidates has exactly distinguished himself with new ideas for giving Americans more economic security. To the contrary — until the assault on Romney and Bain Capital — every one of them has been a cheerleader for financial capitalism of the most brutal sort.

The party that has repeatedly saved capitalism from its own excesses and thereby preserved capitalism is the Democratic Party. So the only serious question here is what kind of serious reforms Obama will propose when, assuming Romney becomes the Republican nominee, Obama also criticizes Bain Capitalism.

<http://robertreich.org/post/15627255844>

2011, Jan 8

Truth-2-Power

<http://truth-2-power.com/2011/12/13/the-dead-billionaires-club-the-dead-cant-vote-but-should-they-give/>

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The Dead Billionaires Club – The Dead Can’t Vote, but Should They Give?

In 2011, [ALEC](#), [American Values](#), [Americans for Tax Reform](#), [Ann Coulter](#), [Antiabortionists](#), [Barack Obama](#), [Birthers](#), [Blackwater](#), [Brent Bozell](#), [Campaign 2012](#), [CBS News](#), [Dead Billionaires Club](#), [Defense Contractors](#), [Democrats](#), [Elections](#), [Fascism](#), [Fox News](#), [George H.W. Bush](#), [George W. Bush](#), [GOP](#), [Grover Norquist](#), [Health Care Reform](#), [Ideologies](#), [Jobs](#), [John Boehner](#), [Koch Brothers](#), [Legislation](#), [Lobbyists](#), [Media](#), [Media Research Center](#), [Neo Conservatives](#), [New Media](#), [NewsMax.com](#), [Newspapers](#), [Newt Gingrich](#), [Occupy Wall Street](#), [Organizations](#), [Politics](#), [Privatization](#), [Religious Right](#), [Richard Mellon Scaife](#), [Ron Paul](#), [Ronald Reagan](#), [Sarah Palin](#), [Special Interests](#), [Television News](#), [The Congress](#), [The House](#), [The Law](#), [The Senate](#), [The White House](#), [Totalitarianism](#), [Unions](#), [Voter Registration](#), [Voting](#) on **December 13, 2011** at **11:17 am**

If the dead can’t vote in Chicago, should they be allowed to influence politics from the grave in Pittsburgh and Denver and New York?

The Koch brothers may be the most visible part of the Dead Billionaires club, but they are not the only New Deal-hating Libertarian elites funding the dismantling of the government of the United States from within.

A handful of the wealthiest families in America, all of whose great wealth dates back at least one American generation. They are 100% responsible for the political gridlock that is tearing America apart. The media touts this as a recent phenomenon, but it is part of a more than 40 year campaign by the Pre-New Deal robber barons and their offspring to end the social safety net, end union labor, and return America to the Right, white control of the early Industrial Age.

“They took the long view, investing to build institutions that might take a decade or more to mature. They also adopted a broad agenda that went far beyond business and economics to include such subjects as foreign policy, law, religion, history and even cultural criticism, “ James Pierson, Executive Director of the John M. Olin Foundation, a Dead Billionaire’s Club VIP organization, wrote of the top members of the “club.” [1]

Were it not for the millions that they pour into the political system, their far-Right Libertarian agenda would be voiceless and invisible.

The Dead Billionaires Club are a fraction of a fraction. Not even 1% of the 1%. Yet, because of the billions they hold, and the millions that their families have put into “charitable” foundations, long after the scions of the family are gone and dead, guys like Fred Koch and Adolph Coors are still able to affect modern politics from the

Great Beyond by dominating the Republican Party's funding stream, and influencing a large part of the corporate-owned media.

From the Reagan White House to today, they have have grown and groomed GOP politicians, in every state house and on Capitol Hill. The result after three decades is a block of hand-picked, home grown Libertarian jihadis. What is their crusade?

The Dead Billionaires are New Deal haters. They fought it tooth-and-nail in the 1940s. These early industrialist robber barons looked at the acceptance of post-Hoover America by the Republicans as an epic failure. They are intent on tearing down power structures of the "socialist" government and its pro-union, pro-poor social safety net at all costs. The few cowardly old-schoolers of the GOP like Speaker of the House John Boehner throw in with them to keep their political skins.

Why do they hate the New Deal so? [Social Darwinists](#), the Dead Billionaires Club and their minions strive to create their perfect America. They live in the myth that somehow they are endowed by God and nature with better genes. Therefore they are rightly the successful ones.

It's a [Malthusian](#) version of Divine Right kingship, based in the passion of many of the Dead Billionaires and their families for [eugenics](#).

Eugenics, popularized in 19th century America, is the belief that the only way to perfect the species is to purify it. Long before the Germans were adopting their "final solution," under Hitler in WWII, Americans doctors gave "inferior" people milk laced with tuberculosis or neglected treatment to kill off inferiors.

By their line of thought, the working person and the poor have varying degrees of evolutionary defect that prevent them from succeeding. The rich are *supposed* to get rich and the rest of us? Well, whatever happens is really your own problem. If you die off, as you probably should, then the superior gene pool survives and the population of this country improves.

As GOP Presidential hopeful Dr. Ron Paul observed when posed with the question about the man who doesn't take insurance and gets sick, we need to leave it up to the luck that we have support systems.

"Our neighbors, our friends, our churches would do it," he said. ^[2]

If they don't, though, as they didn't before the social safety net on many, many occasions, mean-spirited Social Darwinism led to many an early grave.

They preach the [Algerist mirage](#) of opportunity. By hard work and "pluck," and a conformist personality that pleases the white wealthy, one can rise in station in America and prosper. As if the door through the glass ceiling was equally open to the Shaniquas and Samirs in the executive suites and boardrooms of most American corporations, *especially* those owned and operated by members of the Dead Billionaires Club.

Ghoul Givers' Goals

The Dead Billionaires are the funding fountainhead of a well-cloaked American fascist movement that has been hoodwinking largely white, Christian, conservative voters. Dead Billionaires have run their white power hate under political brand labels like the John Birch Society and the Libertarian Party, the Klu Klux Klan and now, the Republican Party.

The Dead Billionaires Club wants a roll-back to pre-Hoover America. The four key things that they seek from their more than forty year investment:

- Lower taxes than the 15%-18% that they effectively pay now;
- A return to control of political power by the white European families who either founded the country or who had the financial clout to buy their way into the blue blood class;
- An end to all regulation that affects their business enterprises;
- An imposition of laws and policies to re-establish strict moral codes that structure the world around their

Anglo-Christian ideals that put an end to personal choices, art, culture and diversity that allow for what they see as societal degeneration and decadence.

Anyone challenging the term “fascist” should note that, by definition, “fascists seek to rejuvenate their nation based on commitment to the national community as an organic entity, in which individuals are bound together in national identity by supra-personal connections of ancestry, culture, and blood.”^[3] To achieve this, fascists purge forces, ideas, people, and systems deemed to be the cause of decadence and degeneration.”^[4]

Which explains:

- The racism inherent in the gatherings of the Tea Party that isn't present in the Occupy Movement.
- The funding of the “birther” movement to attack a black man's right to be President.
- Their obsession with pressing for radical social agenda and anti-union legislation leaving pro-jobs legislation waiting in the greatest economic recession since the Great Depression.
- The purge of the Republican Party of the vast majority of its non-white, non-Christian, socially moderate members who are tagged and executed as “RINO,” Republican in name only.

The Dead Billionaires are the principal backers of [ALEC](#), the American Legislative Exchange Council, which really has become the shadow government that would have sounded paranoid a decade ago. ALEC's corporate representatives and Republican legislators pre-screen and form Republican bills so they conform with the wishes of the Club and other smaller corporate funders of ALEC.

The Dead Billionaires Club A-List

Dead Billionaires children and their foundation flunkies shy away from publicity of their political giving like bugs under a rock in a flashlight beam. Some have managed to keep themselves so far out of the media spotlight that they don't even allow photographs for social functions.

Out of the nest of organizations which they back, [The Club for Growth](#) is perhaps their most visible, and direct means of expressing power.

If you want to follow the Dead Billionaires Club, [Sourcewatch.org](#) is one of the best ways to track them. Out t2P A-List, so named for its more for its [sphincter](#)-specific “A,” includes:

• **Charles and David Koch/The Koch Family Foundation** - The most well known by the public, the Koch brothers run the largest private corporation in America, Koch Industries. Their father was one of the founders of the John Birch Society and David ran for V.P. on the Libertarian ticket in 1980 against Ronald Reagan.

The Kochs and their foundation are top givers and organizing ringleaders of the American Libertarian movement that co-opted the Republican Party. Through big power-player retreats at resorts around the U.S. annually, they bring in other wealthy Americans, politicians, and even Supreme Court justices to meetings so secret that even the hotels holding them aren't allowed a copy of the guest list, which is controlled at the Koch's corporate offices. Guests aren't allowed to share what they've seen and heard, if they want an invite back.

They protect their oil and timber interests, including their ability to artificially corner the market for oil using “contango” strategies (See: [Things Get Worse with Koch](#))

Groups that you've heard about, like the union-busting, pro-big oil, pro tobacco “[Americans for Prosperity](#)” are some of their handiwork. [ALEC](#) is the biggest and most dangerous of their political machines by far. For more, see the current list for [the brothers](#) and the [Koch Family Foundation](#).

The Mellons & Scaifes – Spawned from the fortune of banker, industrialist, and Secretary of the Treasury under Herbert Hoover [Andrew W. Mellon](#). Their wealth has included major stakes in Gulf Oil, Alcoa metals, and Mellon Bank. The family is a heavy giver to advance a far Right agenda.

• Mellon's grandson, **Richard Mellon Scaife**, is a Pittsburgh publishing tycoon who uses the foundations

under his control to fund the rise of what we believe is modern American fascism. He is the top “idea” man in the Dead Billionaires Club.

Richard Mellon Scaife controls or controlled four of the biggest Right-wing money machines in the Dead Billionaires Club:

- Sarah Scaife Foundation (\$244 million (fair market value) in 2009)
- Carthage Foundation (\$24 million (fair market value) in 2009)
- Allegheny Foundation (\$47 million (fair market value) in 2009)
- Scaife Family Foundation (\$70 million (fair market value) in 2009)

Scaife has been the point man in the attack on the media. He is a funder of the Right-wing ezine NewsMax.com, the one that is trying to get the Donald Trump-hosted Presidential debate in motion.

He funded the Gen. Westmoreland suit against CBS. He was a big funder of the “Arkansas Project” where his magazine “The American Spectator” became the central agitator to hamstring President Bill Clinton with the Whitewater investigations and later by making as much as could be made of the meaty Lewinsky scandal.

Scaife has been known to buy up quantities of conservative books to gin them up on bestseller lists. There are Right-wing authors who would never see the bestseller list without the purchase of a few hundred thousand copies to get them started. The purpose is to get hard-Right hate books like Ann Coulter’s into the hands of average Americans that they wouldn’t seek out unless it was piled up at Costco, or sitting on the front shelves at Barnes & Noble.

From the [American Enterprise Institute](#) to [Judicial Watch](#) to Brent Bozell’s [Media Research Center](#) to Grover Norquist’s [National Taxpayers Union](#), Scaife’s hands are in every aspect of the ultra-Right push to crush post-New Deal government. In many ways, he is far worse than the Kochs, and his reach into the far-Right political sphere is as deep, if not deeper.

The daughter, Jennie, who is assuming control of the Foundation, does not seem to share her father’s political views completely, turning some of the recent giving of the foundation to actual charitable causes.

More on him [here](#). More on the [Scaife Foundations](#).

• **Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation** – Established in 1942, by the Rockwell Automation pioneer, with more than \$632M in assets in 2010, it gives away more than \$30M a year. The Bradleys were founding members of the John Birch Society, which was, in its day, the radical right wing, but today, would be very closely aligned with what the Republican Party has become. According to Media Transparency:

“The overall objective of the Bradley Foundation, however, is to return the U.S. — and the world — to the days before governments began to regulate Big Business, before corporations were forced to make concessions to an organized labor force. In other words, laissez-faire capitalism: capitalism with the gloves off.

“To further this objective, Bradley supports the organizations and individuals that promote the deregulation of business, the rollback of virtually all social welfare programs, and the privatization of government services. As a result, the list of Bradley grant recipients reads like a *Who’s Who* of the U.S. Right ... [Heritage Foundation](#) ... [Madison Center for Educational Affairs](#) ... [American Enterprise Institute](#) for Public Policy Research, literary home for such racist authors as [Charles Murray](#) (*The Bell Curve*) and [Dinesh D’Souza](#) (*The End of Racism*), former conservative officeholders [Jeane J. Kirkpatrick](#), [Jack Kemp](#) and [William J. Bennett](#), and arch-conservative jurists [Robert H. Bork](#) and [Antonin Scalia](#)... [12]“

• **William K Coors & Peter H. Coors/Castle Rock Foundation** – Castle Rock Foundation was created from an an endowment of \$36,596,253 from the [Adolph Coors Foundation](#) in 1993. Beer drinkers know them from the Coors and Molson brands which the family operates. Run by the grandchildren and great grandchildren of

the Coors empire, Castle Rock currently boasts assets of \$67M is a prominent giver to hard Right anti-union, pro-wealth organizations like [ALEC](#), [The Heritage Foundation](#), [The Cato Institute](#), the [Hudson Institute](#), the [Mackinac Center for Public Policy](#) and more. [See a partial list.](#)

. **Dick & Betsy DeVos** - The son of the co-founder of Amway and the owner of the NBA Orlando Magic Richard DeVos ran for Governor of Michigan and lost. He gives money to numerous ultra-conservative candidates and organizations, as does his father.

“Dick DeVos has used his family’s fortune and status to create an intricate national network of non-profits, political action committees and federal groups known as [527’s](#) that effectively fund the political arm of the school voucher movement. As this profile details, DeVos money flows into the coffers of various ultra-conservative candidates, committees, and causes. Nowhere is the impact of the DeVos family fortune greater, though, than in the movement to privatize public education,”

notes People for the American Way. ^[9]

Wife Betsy chaired the Michigan Republican Party. Her younger brother Erik D. Prince was the founder of the mercenary multinational Blackwater (Also known as Xe and currently Academi) that ran into trouble in Iraq. People for the American Way notes in “Voucher Warriors”:

“Their foundation, the Dick and Betsy DeVos Foundation, where Dick serves as vice-president, is one of the handful of foundations that together have financed much of the effort to promote the Religious Right’s agenda across the country.” ^[10]

See [more on them](#).

. **Jeremiah Milbank/JM Foundation** – Milbank, a dry goods merchant speculated in Texas bonds and the railroads before hitting it big with the New York Condensed Milk Co. (Now Borden Company) in 1899.

He established his foundation to help WWI vets with disabilities reintegrate into society. He helped Herbert Hoover found the Boys and Girls Clubs which he acted as treasurer for over 25 years. That was his good side.

His bad side was that he was a believer in eugenics who participated in the 1921 Second International Congress of Eugenics which included “racialist eugenics exhibits, and.. tirades against allowing continued immigration of ‘inferior’ ethnic groups such as Italians and Jews.” ^[11]

These days, his foundation is giving to ALEC, some of Grover Norquist’s front organizations, the [Heritage Foundation](#), initiatives that push charter schools, and the Scaifes’ American Spectator Foundation, which tries to mold young journalists into willing shills for the Far Right.

The Foundation is run by Jeremiah Milbank III, who gave Republican Mike Pence of Indiana \$50K for his gubernatorial bid even though Milbank hails from New York.

See the [full list](#).

. **John M. Olin Foundation** – It closed up in 2005, but it was very influential in setting up funding for the NeoCons who swept in with the Reagan and then two Bush Administrations, setting the stage for the Iraq War and the crushing debt that followed.

The Smith Richardson Foundation - The Foundation had nearly \$570M in 2005 mostly money from the Vicks Vaporub fortune. Trust funder R. Richardson Randolph has given away more than \$99.7M to conservative and centrist think-tanks, including \$65,000 to the [Federation for American Immigration Reform](#), which the Southern Poverty Law Center brands a “hate group.” He holds the distinction of being the most un-photographed of the Club. Not even so much as a social picture.

Corporations that work with the Dead Billionaires Club include the usual bad guys: ExxonMobil, Philip Morris, Altria, ARCO, etc.

The **Walton Family Foundation**, the family of Dead Billionaire Sam Walton of WALMART fame, gives millions, but largely to school choice programs that dismantle public education.

There are a half dozen more smaller fish, many in the [The Club for Growth](#), plus a few hundred more whom the Kochs primarily bring in.

Republicans have been working hard to disenfranchise poor, minority and elderly voters for 2012 by passing thinly-veiled “voter fraud” laws, but the biggest fraud of all is allowing any foundation to engage in political giving on behalf of the dead.

This includes dumping money into 527s that becomes untraceable, and setting up Astroturf “grass roots” groups. If the far-Rights “grass roots” organizations were real, and had to rely on direct funding rather than hand-outs from these people, they would dry up in a day.

Charitable foundations should be restricted to being just that... Charitable. If they give their money, as the JM Foundation does, to the Boys and Girls club, or to advance the cure for a disease, more power to them. Foundations on either side of the aisle have no business in influencing American politics.

We need Democrats to generate legislation both at the federal and state level to cut off the funding by the ghosts of the Herbert Hoover era. The dead can't vote in Chicago. They shouldn't be allowed to buy the vote anywhere in America from the grave.

My shiny two.

[1] [You Get What You Pay For: Conservative philanthropists invested in ideas, and the payoff was huge](#)“, *Wall Street Journal*, July 21, 2004.

Spontaneous Evolution Has Arrived!



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Spontaneous evolution has occurred in history at specific increments in time. What causes these changes? How do these changes affect us on a cellular level? What is happening to our [DNA](#) right NOW?

Keep this in mind when reading this article. [Edgar Cayce](#) stated, "(Earth) is slowly receding or gathering closer to the sun, *from which it receives its impetus for the awakening of the elements from that which it receives from the sun. - elements that give life itself, by radiation of like elements.*"

Scientific Evidence

David Sereda has been working diligently in this area of science. According to Sereda, since 2006, scientists have been noticing a difference in the decay rates in nuclear particles, which had been consistently reliable in previous years.

What does this mean? It isn't typical to see such a drastic change in these decay rates. Scientists are seeing a change of 1/10th of 1% in these particles, which was previously unheard of and is unexplainable at this moment. When a particle speeds up, it means it's radiating more energy. This includes the energy and particles within our own bodies. Studies on DNA have indicated that even very weak changes in the energy field can cause profound changes in our DNA.

Sereda went on to state that because our children are in a rapid growth stage, they are going to receive more of this change than the adults.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2MuaJeTIA4&feature=player_embedded

There is a drastic climate change event happening on every planet in our solar system. Planets are becoming more luminous, have higher energy fields and have thicker atmospheres.

What is causing these dramatic changes?

Our Sun will reach a solar maximum in 2013. In the meanwhile, it is emitting high energy photons that can literally affect our consciousness, as evidenced by the global awakening that's going on right now. It's certainly not a coincidence that these energies are bringing in a wave of spiritual consciousness that demands truth and desires the best for humanity.

There is some evidence that points to the photon belt as being a prime catalyst for cellular change, but this is more speculation than factual science.

We are exiting the Age of Pisces and are entering the [Age of Aquarius](#). [As I noted in a previous article](#), each age has an energy signature associated with it. The energy signature of Aquarius is one that promotes Divine Order, truthfulness and all that is in the best interests of humanity. This is why the current, worldwide political corruption will come to an end soon, so it's important not to focus too much of your own energy on their issues, because that's the only energy that's feeding them at this point in time.

All of the planets in our galaxy are undergoing dramatic climate changes. For example, there is a newly discovered ice cap on Mars, chemical changes on Jupiter, new weather patterns on Venus, a vortex on the south pole of Saturn, etc...

There is an energy field at the edge of the Milky Way Galaxy that's described as a ribbon. "This is a shocking new result for us and one that is not entirely understood," said David McComas, the lead scientist on a NASA mission called IBEX.

This "ribbon" is a long band of high-energy particle emissions that could feasibly alter our DNA.

Is it possible that these changes are related to our location to the center of the Milky Way Galaxy as we near the galactic alignment? Do the changes in our Sun have any relevance to the changes in our solar system? How do these changes affect us on a cellular level?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAGFiiFkzSc&feature=player_embedded

It's so true: As above, so below!

Here on Earth, we have witnessed many changes, including massive land cracks, volcanoes, tsunamis, earthquakes, mass animal die offs, etc... Something is causing these changes to occur. While we can point our fingers at chemtrails and H.A.A.R.P. as the reasons for some of these occurrences, most of these changes would have happened anyways. Why? Because other planets aren't affected by chemtrails and HAARP, yet they're still going through dramatic climate changes.

DNA changes are happening right now! Look at some of these [indigo children](#) who were born with a total recall of their past lives.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jepolpObRBM&feature=player_embedded#t=0s

To those who may dismiss this theory, a child was recently born with a 3 strand DNA in England.

Brave toddler Alfie Clamp stuns doctors after being born with extra strand of DNA

A British toddler has become the first person in the world to be born with an extra strand in his DNA, in a condition so rare doctors don't even know its name.

Alfie Clamp, from Warwickshire, northern England, has a seventh chromosome which has an extra arm.

[Source](#) go to the 5:22 marker of this video for Dolores Cannon's perspective:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAGFiiFkzSc&feature=player_embedded

Don't stare at the sun!

There is a gentleman who goes by the initials, HRM, who has existed solely on sunlight and water since 1996. That's right, he has not eaten solid food in 12 years. He has been studied by various researchers, such as the Thomas Jefferson University, and the University of Pennsylvania. Not only have they found his claims to be true, but medical evidence suggests this man is healthier than a normal person of his age. He is approaching 80 years old.

HRM practices [sungazing](#) daily. Doctors stated that his neurons were active, and not dying. His pineal gland is actually growing, not shrinking, which is very unusual in someone over the age of fifty. The greatest average in someone over fifty, is a pineal size of 6×6 mm, HRM's is 8×11 mm.

The reason I bring this up is because we've been taught that it's harmful to directly stare into the sun. While I'm not advocating [sun gazing](#) (although I do it, myself), if one decides to do it, then please research this topic thoroughly.

Perhaps there is a reason why we're being told not to look directly into the sun?

You can easily access this information on YouTube or [click HERE for more information on sungazing](#).

The end of a 75,000 year cycle

According to the [Law of One](#), we're at the end of a 75,000 year cycle, comprised of three 25,000 year cycles:

*The timing of these cycles is a measurement equal to a portion of intelligent energy. This intelligent energy offers a type of clock. The cycles move as precisely as a clock strikes your hour. Thus, **the gateway from intelligent energy to intelligent infinity opens regardless of circumstance on the striking of the hour.***

Scientific evidence has concluded that since 2006, we have entered into a new energy field which can literally change our DNA. This may explain why there are so many chemtrails in our sky, as to deflect these incoming energies. As more and more of these new energies enter our solar system and our atmosphere, we will continue to see changes within our DNA.

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Synchronize your internal clocks with the windows of time as the ancients did and tap into the energies of the Universe to manifest during the powerful portals available to us when we know how to use them.....

2012 will prove to be a year of Change, Transformation, Spiritual Expansion, Liberation and Welcoming Personal and Spiritual Truths. Those who have been disillusioned with religion and false spiritual teachings will begin to have a new respect for the Divine Truth and awaken to greater understanding of the Universe we live in. 2012 will prove to be a year where we are able to co-create with the Divine in a more intimate and powerful way assisting to bring about cosmic harmony and enable us to bring forth through spiritual manifestation that which we have been waiting for - a greater level of personal and spiritual mastery.

2012 is a "5" year, corresponding with entering the Fifth Dimension, welcoming the Fifth Quintessence and embracing a New World/New Era; an era of Truth, Integrity and Higher Consciousness. Our journey into the fifth dimension will awaken the greater populace to embracing their "other side". Those who are more masculine will embrace their feminine and this will become more and more noticeable to those who have been patiently waiting for this to happen. Those who have been leaning too far in the feminine will also need to balance out and embrace their masculine but in a more feminine way, if that can make any sense. We are co-creating with the Divine and that is the Divine Masculine and Feminine the Alpha and the Omega, the God/Goddess. There can be no creation without both masculine and feminine energies working in harmony with each other; no Shiva without Shakti, no Alpha without Omega, no god without goddess, no Mother without Father, no Heaven without Earth etc. The reward once we have embraced both Divine Masculine and Divine Feminine will be Divine Manifestation of the ultimate creation of that which the Soul desires and that which the Soul wishes to anchor to this planet. So many have been striving to find their Soul purpose and ultimately we all choose the Soul purpose of Unity Consciousness and that is exactly what we are all Divinely manifesting right now in 2012 and beyond. Individual expressions of that will become manifest rapidly over the coming months and years ahead.

Welcoming the "Fifth Quintessence" simply means we are awakening to the fifth element. We already

understand about the 4 elements of earth, air, fire and water that we have so far been working with in order to raise our levels of consciousness. Now we embrace the fifth element, that of Sound. As each of the four elements have been fully integrated in consciousness the fifth element will begin to pour through in the form of the Sounds of Light; a pure form of healing that has the ability to shift consciousness to even greater levels.

I don't know much about the Mayan calendar except that we are either in the end of it now or some say the last day of the Old World was the 28th October 2011 and that 2012 is the first year of the New World but the time corresponds with the Ancient Egyptian calendar and time scale of the End Times. The end times according to the Ancient Egyptian calendar was called the time of Amun (Amen), which is what we have been in and are now moving into the New Dawn of Kephra (Scarab). Amun was the hidden god of which to me represents the hidden times, the darkness, the unknown. And the Scarab was known as the driller who drilled down into the earth (the darkness) and then came back up into the light with greater awareness. Time itself is simply a cycle of ever changing themes moving from one level of consciousness to another.

Today is the 2 January 2012 (2.1.2012) and the energy is a very balanced one with the frequency of magenta ruling our energies today. This brings together heaven and earth allowing us to accept the greater levels of spirit while keeping ourselves fully grounded and anchored to the earth plane. Mother Earth, Father Sun along with our earthly mother and father are fully represented here today on all levels. Embrace where you came from, acknowledge your parents both heavenly and earthly because today they offer you the opportunity to think into creation that which you desire. There is a very creative influence around today that when fully embraced will enable you to be totally forgiving and bestow unconditional love on yourself and all others. There is an all pervading energy that is asking you to fully embrace with love and let go and just be in the balance at the point of harmony with all Beings and with all Life. The rewards today are to be able to tap into the Infinite blessings that our abundance Universe is offering us... Enjoy Tomorrow I will bring you more of the upcoming energies available to us in the days to come, but until then I wish you all a very Happy New Year, may all your dreams come true.

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JPM Chase Quietly Halts Suits Over Consumer Debts

By [Jeff Horwitz](#)

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JPMorgan Chase & Co. has quietly ceased filing lawsuits to collect consumer debts around the nation, dismissing in-house attorneys and virtually shutting down a collections machine that as recently as nine months ago was racking up hundreds of millions of dollars in monthly judgements.

A sampling of court records in the major cities in five states shows that Chase collection suits have virtually disappeared. In a sixth state, Illinois, contract attorneys continue to file small-dollar cases, though at a reduced rate.

It is unclear whether Chase has stopped pursuing collection on many claims nationwide, or if intends to pursue the debts in some other fashion. The bank has not explained its apparent moratorium and declined comment.

Chase's halt does, however, follow scattered defeats in state courts and a whistle-blower's allegation that it falsely overstated the balances of thousands of delinquent accounts it sold to a third party. Former Chase employees and debt collection experts insist that the bank would not have abruptly retreated from its collections efforts in the absence of trouble.

In a sign that Chase acted with urgency, numerous regional collections teams were fired in mid-2011 at the order of the New York bank's headquarters, according to people familiar with the events.

"Nobody told anybody anything. It was very traumatic," says a former Chase attorney who asked to remain anonymous because of a nondisclosure agreement. "I think there were investigations by the [Office of the Comptroller of the Currency] and other government entities. If we're not there, we can't be interviewed."

The OCC declined to comment. Chase declined to say whether its moves were related to government investigations or legal concerns. In an email to *American Banker*, a spokesman for the bank called its collection strategy "proprietary."

Chase and other credit card issuers have historically filed lawsuits to compel consumers to repay defaulted loans. Such suits typically involve only a few thousand dollars each, but en masse add up; Chase recovered \$1.4 billion from defaulted credit card accounts last year, according to its financial filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. (Not all of that necessarily came from judgments.)

Jerry Salzberg, a lawyer who represents debt collectors and banks in the Chicago area, was familiar with Chase's dismissed Illinois collections attorneys, whom he describes as experienced, productive and profitable.

"Someone from New York brought in the three lawyers, kicked them out with no warning and dismissed all their cases," Salzberg says. "These were people who were by the book. ... If they weren't the most profitable [of Chase's regional collection teams], they sure as hell were making a lot of money for the bank. ... Obviously something happened."

Chase collections cases have dropped off sharply in Illinois in recent months, in addition to disappearing in five other states, an *American Banker* review indicates. The review focused on California, Florida Maryland, New York and Washington, where local court records are electronically searchable.

In Dade County, Florida, which includes Miami, Chase filed 640 collections claims in January 2011, most seeking between \$3,000 and \$12,000. On Jan. 4 alone it filed suits seeking over \$200,000, which represents a rate of \$50 million annually.

But in April of last year, Chase ceased filing claims altogether in Dade County. That month, *The Wall Street Journal* first reported that Chase had dropped "more than a thousand" consumer debt cases around the country.

Some contract attorneys cited documentation irregularities for the move, the paper reported.

Robo-signing, or the high-volume production of signed legal documents, has been a key element of the governmental and media foreclosure reviews. Chase's current pullback raises at least the possibility that at least some banks may have documentation problems in other business lines.

Academics and attorneys who defend consumers against debt claims have leveled their heaviest criticism at collection agencies rather than banks themselves. The agencies allegedly seek on a regular basis to collect debts in the absence of legitimate documentation. Efforts to collect a bank's own debt generally have been regarded by consumer advocates as more credible than those by collections agencies, which pursue secondhand claims.

"If sloppy record keeping and problems with false affidavits is a problem with mortgages, it's 100 times bigger in credit card accounts," says Michelle Weinberg of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. Even so, Weinberg says, "On documentation issues, it wouldn't occur to me that Chase wouldn't be able to prove up its own account."

So far judges have questioned the validity of banks' own consumer debt records in only a few low-profile cases. However, a whistle-blower claim settled last year raises further questions.

Linda Almonte, a former team leader in Chase's San Antonio credit card services division, accused the bank of firing her for objecting to the sale of \$200 million in legal judgments obtained by bank attorneys. Half the accounts lacked adequate documentation of judgment and one-sixth listed the wrong amounts owed, Almonte claimed in a suit filed in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

In its response, Chase did not dispute inaccuracies in the debt balances and documentation. Instead, it said its sales agreement allowed for errors and thus was proper. "[T]he parties explicitly agreed that the judgments were purchased 'as is' and 'with all faults,'" Chase's attorney wrote.

Chase was unsuccessful in getting the case dismissed and settled it on undisclosed terms last April; it ceased filing new consumer debt lawsuits in many states the same month.

Should Chase stop pursuing such claims for any reason, the move could prove costly. The threat of litigation has an unquantifiable but significant influence on consumers' decisions to pay off their debts. What's more, even partial recoveries can be substantial and may already be declining as the result of Chase's pullback. After recouping \$405 million in the first quarter of 2011, Chase's recoveries fell to \$321 million in the second quarter and \$266 million in the third quarter.

It is hard to say whether the absence of new suits has contributed to the decline. Credit card recoveries tend to be volatile and lag writeoffs. In the absence of its own collections activities, Chase could also be recouping money selling delinquent loans to collections agencies who then seek recoveries on their own. But a search for defendants in 10 cases that Chase dropped this spring did not uncover any surrogate claims.

Next: A review of legal challenges in the consumer debt buying industry — and how banks can protect themselves from reputational and legal risks.

http://www.americanbanker.com/issues/177_7/jpmorgan-chase-consumer-debt-collection-1045606-1.html?zkPrintable=1&nopagination=1

5 Founding Fathers Whose Skepticism About Christianity Would Make Them Unelectable Today

Thomas Jefferson believed that a coolly rational form of religion would take root in America. Was he ever wrong.

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To hear the Religious Right tell it, men like George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were 18th-century versions of Jerry Falwell in powdered wigs and stockings. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Unlike many of today's candidates, the founders didn't find it necessary to constantly wear religion on their sleeves. They considered faith a private affair. Contrast them to former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (who says he wouldn't vote for an atheist for president because non-believers lack the proper moral grounding to guide the American ship of state), Texas Gov. Rick Perry (who hosted a prayer rally and issued an infamous ad accusing President Barack Obama of waging a "war on religion") and former Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum (whose uber-Catholicism leads him to oppose not just abortion but birth control).

There was a time when Americans voted for candidates who were skeptical of core concepts of Christianity like the Trinity, the divinity of Jesus and the virgin birth. The question is, could any of them get elected today? The sad answer is probably not.

Here are five founding fathers whose views on religion would most likely doom them to defeat today:

1. George Washington. The father of our country was nominally an Anglican but seemed more at home with Deism. The language of the Deists sounds odd to today's ears because it's a theological system of thought that has fallen out of favor. Deists believed in God but didn't necessarily see him as active in human affairs. The god of the Deists was a god of first cause. He set things in motion and then stepped back.

Washington often employed Deistic terms. His god was a "supreme architect" of the universe.

Washington saw religion as necessary for good moral behavior but didn't necessarily accept all Christian dogma. He seemed to have a special gripe against communion and would usually leave services before it was offered.

Washington was widely tolerant of other beliefs. He is the author of one of the great classics of religious liberty – the letter to Touro Synagogue (1790). In this letter, Washington assured America's Jews that they would enjoy complete religious liberty in America; not mere toleration in an officially "Christian" nation. He outlines a vision of a multi-faith society where all are free.

"The Citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for giving to Mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy: a policy worthy of imitation," wrote Washington. "All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection, should demean themselves as good citizens."

Stories of Washington's deep religiosity, such as tales of him praying in the snow at Valley Forge, can be ignored. They are pious legends invented after his death.

2. John Adams. The man who followed Washington in office was a Unitarian, although he was raised a Congregationalist and never officially left that church. Adams rejected belief in the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus, core concepts of Christian dogma. In his personal writings, Adams makes it clear that he considered some Christian dogma to be incomprehensible.

In February 1756, Adams wrote in his diary about a discussion he had had with a man named Major Greene. Greene was a devout Christian who sought to persuade Adams to adopt conservative Christian views. The two argued over the divinity of Jesus and the Trinity. Questioned on the matter of Jesus' divinity, Greene fell back on an old standby: some matters of theology are too complex and mysterious for we puny humans to understand.

Adams was not impressed. In his diary he wrote, "Thus mystery is made a convenient cover for absurdity."

As president, Adams signed the famous Treaty of Tripoli, which boldly stated, "[T]he government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian Religion...."

3. Thomas Jefferson. It's almost impossible to define Jefferson's subtle religious views in a few words. As he once put it, "I am a sect by myself, as far as I know." But one thing is clear: His skepticism of traditional Christianity is well established. Our third president did not believe in the Trinity, the virgin birth, the divinity of Jesus, the resurrection, original sin and other core Christian doctrines. He was hostile to many conservative Christian clerics, whom he believed had perverted the teachings of that faith.

Jefferson once famously observed to Adams, "And the day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus, by the supreme being as his father in the womb of a virgin, will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter."

Although not an orthodox Christian, Jefferson admired Jesus as a moral teacher. In one of his most unusual acts, Jefferson edited the New Testament, cutting away the stories of miracles and divinity and leaving behind a very human Jesus, whose teachings Jefferson found "sublime." This "Jefferson Bible" is a remarkable document – and it would ensure his political defeat today. (Imagine the TV

commercials the Religious Right would run: Thomas Jefferson hates Jesus! He mutilates Bibles!

Jefferson was confident that a coolly rational form of religion would take root in the fertile intellectual soil of America. He once predicted that just about everyone would become Unitarian. (Despite his many talents, the man was no prophet.)

Jefferson took political stands that would infuriate today's Religious Right and ensure that they would work to defeat him. He refused to issue proclamations calling for days of prayer and fasting, saying that such religious duties were no part of the chief executive's job. His assertion that the First Amendment erects a "wall of separation between church and state" still rankles the Religious Right today.

4. James Madison. Jefferson's close ally would be similarly unelectable today. Madison is perhaps the most enigmatic of all the founders when it comes to religion. To this day, scholars still debate his religious views.

Nominally Anglican, Madison, some of his biographers believe, was really a Deist. He went through a period of enthusiasm for Christianity as a young man, but this seems to have faded. Unlike many of today's politicians, who eagerly wear religion on their sleeves and brag about the ways their faith will guide their policy decisions, Madison was notoriously reluctant to talk publicly about his religious beliefs.

Madison was perhaps the strictest church-state separationist among the founders, taking stands that make the ACLU look like a bunch of pikers. He opposed government-paid chaplains in Congress and in the military. As president, Madison rejected a proposed census because it involved counting people by profession. For the government to count the clergy, Madison said, would violate the First Amendment.

Madison, who wrote the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, also opposed government-issued prayer proclamations. He issued a few during the War of 1812 at the insistence of Congress but later concluded that his actions had been unconstitutional. As president, he vetoed legislation granting federal land to a church and a plan to have a church in Washington care for the poor through a largely symbolic charter. In both cases, he cited the First Amendment.

One can hear the commercials now: "James Madison is an anti-religious fanatic. He even opposes prayer proclamations during time of war."

5. Thomas Paine. Paine never held elective office, but he played an important role as a pamphleteer whose stirring words helped rally Americans to independence. Washington ordered that Paine's pamphlet "The American Crisis" be read aloud to the Continental Army as a morale booster on Dec. 23, 1776. "Common Sense" was similarly popular with the people. These seminal documents were crucial to winning over the public to the side of independence.

So Paine's a hero, right? He was also a radical Deist whose later work, *The Age of Reason*, still infuriates fundamentalists. In the tome, Paine attacked institutionalized religion and all of the major tenets of Christianity. He rejected prophecies and miracles and called on readers to embrace reason. The Bible, Paine asserted, can in no way be infallible. He called the god of the Old Testament "wicked" and the entire Bible "the pretended word of God." (There go the Red States!)

What can we learn from this? Americans have the right to reject candidates for any reason, including their religious beliefs. But they ought to think twice before tossing someone aside just because he or she is skeptical of orthodox Christianity. After all, that description includes some of our nation's greatest leaders.

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[Meet Foster Friess, Billionaire who Bought Iowa for Santorum](#)

by [Brian Ross](#)

Remember the name of Foster Friess. The Wyoming born-again billionaire mutual fund manager has been lauded by the Koch brothers at their 2011 secret shindig for giving more than \$1M to Koch-friendly causes. Never heard of him? That's the way he's wanted it. After Rick Santorum's huge pop in Iowa, though, a flashlight into the cockroach-infested giving of the SuperPACs to Santorum's campaign flushed him out of the shadows.

Working on my weekly piece for [Truth-2-Power](#), I was fascinated by how Rick Santorum won Iowa. I'm going with Rachel Maddow's story on Friday that there was a miscount:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26315908/vp/45907805#45907805>

[Video: Iowa sloppiness exposes GOP insincerity on election integrity](#)

As I note in my piece, [Santorum Rises Armed with Super PAC Nukes, not Populist Wave](#), two of these new post-Citizens United Super PACs, which can drop unlimited money into the campaign, sprang up in October and December. The James Dobson-associated [Leaders for Families Super PAC, Inc](#) and an Alexandria, Virginia based Super Pac called the [Red White and Blue Fund](#) popped up in December and October of 2011, respectively.

Before Leaders for Families could even file a source document with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC), it opened and closed, having spend hundreds of thousands on Santorum in radio ads and robo-calls.

It's the Red White and Blue Fund, though, that looks like it will be pushing Santorum through the leading edge primaries. That fund is mostly the cash of Foster Friess.

So who is Foster Friess? I did some digging for the article and for [Sourcewatch.org](#), to which I contribute information when I come across it, to help others researching these shadow groups and millions donated by billionaires trying to use the electorate to their advantage.

Friess is a member of the [Council for National Policy](#) a sort of United Nations of the Christian and Libertarian far Right, where the web of astroturf grass roots groups, think tanks, PACs and Super PACs, as well as their [Dead Billionaires' Club](#)he Dead Billionaires' Club (DBC) meet to coordinate and discuss policy. He was acknowledged at the privately held Koch seminar in June 2011 in Vail, Colorado for donating at least \$1 million to Koch-related causes.

Friess gives to conservative think tanks like the American Enterprise Institute, and to education groups that advocate for school voucher programs, including the Alliance for School Choice. In the near future, Friess expects to make grants to advocate for the FairTax — which would replace the current federal system of taxation with a tax on retail sales.

He has been an active patron contributing millions to a number of religious and conservative causes including:

- He was a big supporter of George W. Bush and now backs Santorum.
- Private Sector Solutions, a network of leaders developing private sector solutions to augment, preempt or replace government services
- LibForAll and other groups building a global counter-extremism network
- Opposition to national health reform through patient-driven health care activist group Free Market Cure and other groups
- Breaking down public education through contributions to the Alliance for School Choice, All Children Matter and others
- Friess was instrumental in pouring money into the political campaign of presidential hopeful Rick Santorum in 2012 by way of a Super PAC called the "Red White and Blue Fund" he told NBC News. He also funded \$250,000 in support for Santorum's failed re-election bid in 2006.
- He has made large donations to the Republican Governors' Association
- Freiss reportedly has put more than \$3M into conservative commentator Tucker Carlson's [The Daily Caller](#) website.

Friess has deep pockets and we can expect that he will be active in the rise of Super PACs now and in future.

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2012, Jan 7 **Waging War against Iran is a Criminal Act, in Violation of International Law**
The death toll from World War III will be incalculable...

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Article 2 (3) of the United Nations Charter requires the pacific settlement of the international dispute between the United States and Iran. To the same effect is article 33 and the entirety of Chapter VI of the United Nations Charter that mandate and set up numerous procedures for the pacific settlement of the international dispute between the United States and Iran. And of course Article 2(4) of the U.N. Charter prohibits both the threat and use of force by the United States against Iran.

Furthermore, both Iran and the United States are parties to the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact of 1928, upon which legal basis the Nazi Leaders were prosecuted by the United States, inter alia, at Nuremberg for Crimes against Peace, sentenced to death, and executed. In Article I thereof the States Parties “condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies, and renounce it, as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another.” The United States has been illegally threatening war against Iran going back to the Bush Jr. Administration. Article II requires the United States only to pursue a pacific settlement of its international dispute with Iran: “The High Contracting Parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means.”

Finally, both the United States and Iran are parties to the 1899 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. This seminal Hague Peace Convention establishes numerous mechanisms for the pacific settlement of international disputes between contracting parties that are too numerous to analyze here. But they are discussed in detail in my book *Foundations of World Order* (Duke University Press: 1999). According to article 27 thereof, if a serious dispute threatens to break out between contracting powers, it was the DUTY of the other contracting powers to remind them that the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague is open to them, and such reminder could not be treated as an unfriendly act of intervention by the disputants. Today the world needs one State party to either the 1899 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes or the 1907 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes to publicly remind both the United States and Iran that the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, together with its International Bureau and the entirety of the 1899 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, are available to the two States in order to resolve their dispute in a peaceful manner.

After the terrorist assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand in Sarajevo in June of 1914, Serbia made an offer to Austria to submit the entire dispute to “the International Tribunal of The Hague”—i.e., to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. Austria did not accept the offer, the First World War broke out, and about 10 Million Human Beings were needlessly slaughtered.

The death toll from World War III will be incalculable. Humanity must not allow our history to repeat itself! Otherwise, that could be the end of our Humanity.

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