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[www.Ashtarontheroad.com](http://www.Ashtarontheroad.com)  

- Phone Number: 1 – 559 – 726 – 1300; PIN 163731#
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Opening Meditation: Cheryl Croci

Housekeeping: Rainbird Thank you!

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**Paradise, CA 95969**
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- T & R:**
- T & R's rent for their new home is \$1000 / mo; due on 1<sup>st</sup> of the month  
**NO EXCUSES ACCEPTED OR IT BECOMES AN EXTRA \$50 / DAY**
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1704 B Llano St, # 249  
Santa Fe, NM 87505
  - **phone contact** is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061  
or by e-mail: [stargatemarietta@gmail.com](mailto:stargatemarietta@gmail.com)
  - **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

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- T: if you have any trouble hearing, there is an issue with the sound and it is an emergency so call this number: 1-888- 429 – 5471**
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T, R: thanks to all who assist – pretty scary when they are out on a limb all the time!

#### **HARD NEWS:**

**T:** lots of people getting their new missions

**R:** Mother is sharing the info about people getting upgrades

**Camp Lovewave:** had trouble with their signals this day

Heard David Icke on Robin Williams' passing – that because he was an outspoken whistleblower, the 13 families did not like the fact that he implicated them in 9-11.

- Things are all headed back to the direction of 9-11, and the Ferguson episode is about this
- Justice will be done, but the people have to challenge the so-called elected officials

- it is also about jury – mandering which goes back to McConnell and the other treasonists who jury mandered the districts so people were off scot free
- **Bob Nay – former congressman – wrote a book called Side-Swiped**, an inside story about about the skinwalkers & what they do to follow their masters' bidding: if they don't they are dog food

**T:** Interview on Abby Martin with the Seattle Council woman and got so many signatures and sent a letter to the President, calling on the Senate and the Congress to end blockade on Gaza

- and also that there should be no more money to Israel
- E. Warren and B. Sanders would not sign: Israel has a right to our money

**R:** Has to do with the corporate masters he was talking about; at a certain point, it will turn around

- It is in the hands of the Empress, she who was here before the gods were here: she knows how to discipline her children & it is between them
- send them even more love: she is calling the shots and it gets revealed to the people
- If you want to call it an “event”, eventful things are happening that have to do with the fact that they can go no further with the current state of affairs
- There is something is happening across the planet: has to do with the indigo crystal children, the 4<sup>th</sup> Turning which happens every 75-80 years, it is also about where we are in space – we are moving through the Galactic Plane and into territy where the naqual is the order of the day where the Jaquar woman reigns.

**T:** It is VERY important not to give way to the downside of this.

**David Icke:** we are in the most intense of times as we approach the Super Moon

- in the next 6 weeks, things will increase exponentially: the rigor mortis will truly set in and we'll see sparks fly – like the lady in Seattle City Council saying hell no! We are not going along with this.

**Craig Barnes:** wants to create “The People's Bank” - not connected with Credit Unions or the FDIC,

- but is a public bank and the citizens are shareholders, in a sense, and have a say in how it's run
- R heard only 10 minutes of this: getting banks – a coop bank – co-ops are the thing of the future.

**T:** the man on Max Keiser last night said every bank in the world **has** to be part of the Fed and they have a law that says [they control every bank on earth except credit unions!]

- and they cannot be tried for any kind of wrong doing

**R: Richard Wolff** will be in Santa Fe on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Sept

- Dr Rogoff, the host. Craig Barnes is the moderator. David Barsimion will be there – to discuss creating a public bank in Santa Fe where the people are the shareholders, and not the Fed
- This is a big deal: takes it out of the hands of the Koch Bros & others
- there is something in NM called the Mexican Mafia which runs politics in the state; Suzanna Martinez is part of it, and Mitt Romney – Black Magic Mittens!

**Caller 1:** he has a federal note for 2013 with someone's signature on it – he thought no more currency was being printed after 2009.

**T:** quantitative easing – still going on! It's all fraud and they have to keep printing fake monopoly money because things were shut down on Feb 6 – we have been out of money since then; they are committing high economic treason every milli-second.

**R:** The money is going into the pockets of the Koch bros and others like Blankfein

They still want a fight with Ashtar and will not get it – they play a poker game at the highest level

**T:** Obama, Xi, Putin are going along with the poker game: no matter how much they try for a nuclear war, these 3 will not take part.

**R:** They are certainly trying to stir the potential

**C1:** what is a fiscal year for the US? Oct 1 – Sept 30 of the next year.

**Reading:**

2009, Jan 16 **Haplotypic Background of a Private Allele at High Frequency in the Americas [SEE BELOW]**

**Reading:** 2014, Aug 18 **Did Bush move America's presidency 'offshore?'** [SEE BELOW]  
**Reading:** 2014, Aug 19 **Provocations as Pretexts for Imperial War~ From Pearl Harbor to 9~11**  
**Please both read the article and listen to the reading for all the commentary!** [SEE BELOW]  
**There is major disclosure in the article in various parts!**

**R:** the 13 families want the US military to shoot on US citizens indiscriminately – yet they did!  
 • A young lady in Ferguson was shot in the head and taken to hospital; the police went to the hospital and took the bullet back, saying they needed it for evidence – also, so no one could trace it back to the officer who did the shooting!

**Audio: Amiri Baraka** – amiribarakabooks.com  
 Jan 10, 2014 – Amy Goodman, Democracy Now did a whole hour of him

**Astrology: Richard**

There's been a lot of activity

- Mercury has been moving through Leo: Mercury trined Pluto Aug 21
- Mercury is in Virgo, is the leader – went in on the 15<sup>th</sup> now the sun is in Virgo
- The moon is still in Leo which is behind Virgo  
 To do the lunar cycles, have to be able to mover forward or backward
- The moon will go into Virgo on Monday – 3 Virgo; if we have planets or positions that are in the first 5 **degrees of a sign, look and find out the energy being expressed in that sign**

**Mon:** New Moon - Moon conjuncts Mercury Monday night

**Tues:** moon in Virgo all day, Venus gets in Virgo far enough to square Saturn

- The Virgo moon can be very interesting insofar as knowing what we feel about what we think.
- The moon going through Virgo opposes Pisces and later, opposes Chiron – learning to live through the changes and feel the differences of these energies.

**Ri:** likes to play Tom for his use of language

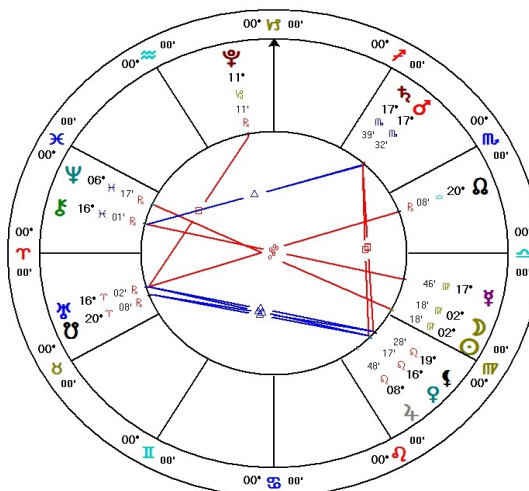
- The sun has been in Leo for the last month, and Chiron went retrograde June 22/23 and is still retrograde in Pisces and trined Saturn
- have to memorize our own personal charts

**2014, Aug 19 Pele Report, Astrology Forecast**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igrMxvyD5RM&feature=player\\_detailpage](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igrMxvyD5RM&feature=player_detailpage)

**New Moon in Virgo**  
**Natal Chart**  
 Aug 25 2014, Mon  
 9:13:14 am CST +6:00  
 San Jose, Costa Rica  
 09°N 85° 08'W  
 Geocentric  
 0° Aries  
 True Node

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When I believe I will see,  
The plan that Life has for me,  
To let go of pain and have a new start,  
With a clear mind and a loving heart.

New Moon in Virgo coming up this weekend (Monday)! I think the Sabian Symbol of 3 degrees Virgo says it all so I will quote it here as described by Dane Rudhyar in his book "An Astrological Mandala." The symbol is "Two Guardian Angels" with the keynote being "Invisible help and protection in times of crisis."

"Though the consciousness may not yet be able to realize this as a fact, man is as surrounded by spirit as fish by water. Angels, devas and the like are entitized forms of spirit. In a sense at least, they collectively constitute a realm of existence complementary to mankind. They are specialized fields of energy which are apparently conscious, but not "free" in a human sense -- that is, free to be what they are not. We are told, by seers and even by merely clairvoyant persons, that they constitute hierarchies of energy- distributing forms which sustain all life processes -- particularly in the vegetable and telluric realms -- as well as protective agencies attached to human beings. Modern psychologists may think of them as symbols of as yet latent powers in man's unconscious. By being aware of their presence and sustaining power a man may avoid the desperate feeling of aloneness and alienation which usually pervades the "night of the soul" and the symbolic forty days in the wilderness."

These are the days to break through the illusion that something outside ourselves has control over our inner state of being and step fully into our potential as co-creators of a new earth. In the report I mentioned a valuable talk given by Matt Kuhn. Here is the link to that video (copy/paste)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFS84...>

Music by valariemulberry.com

### **Reading: Carl's Astrology Posts    August 19 · Edited    The Next Couple of Weeks**

Mars conjoins Saturn - August 25, 3:30 PM (New York Time)  
Sun opposes Neptune - August 30th, 10:33 AM (New York Time).  
Sun trines Pluto - September 3, 12:08 PM (New York Time).

This is a more detailed look at some ground we've covered before. The aspects under consideration are probably responsible for the surge in violence we've been experiencing in recent weeks. That, and yet another increase in the frequency and intensity of anxiety and bad moods.

#### **Mars conjoins Saturn - August 25, 3:30 PM (New York Time)**

Archetypally, a Mars/Saturn conjunction represents the perfect union of passion and wisdom. On a mundane level, though, it usually foretells a violent clash between the establishment and those who have lost all patience with the establishment.

The result will often be a mix of popular outrage and violence, on the one hand, and the use and abuse of establishment power on the other. The resulting conflict will send shock waves through a community or even a whole society. The overall vibe will have a revolutionary or insurrectionary quality, depending on your point of view.

On a macro-level, the currently fragile, volatile, fluid state of social, political and economic systems will heighten the effects of this difficult influence. Similarly, on the micro-level, the somewhat delicate emotional condition in which many of us still find ourselves will amplify its psychological impact.

The effect of the Mars/Saturn conjunction on the 25th will be complicated by the Sun/Neptune opposition of August 30th at 10:33 AM (New York Time). We're looking at a 1-2 punch the last two

weeks of August.

**Sun/Neptune oppositions bring dark moods**, doubt, persistent worry and fears for the future. They weaken the ties that bind the various components of our personality and our worldview together. It also makes us susceptible to strange and highly questionable ideas. We can feel like we're coming apart psychologically.

Sun/Neptune also weakens the ties that bind individuals and groups together. We will tend to drift apart. We might also lose our sense of direction or wander off the path we intended to follow.

August's Sun/Neptune opposition will be in the background as the Saturn/Pluto conjunction builds and culminates. Moody, broody Saturn/Neptune vibes will take over as the harsh Mars/Saturn vibes fade.

The Mars/Saturn and Sun/Neptune aspects will overlap enough to create, at worst, a dark mood, an explosive, corrosive mix of danger, suspicion, and fear of personal and societal disintegration. The antidotes to this unwholesome brew are simple and accessible to all.

Patience and forbearance will block the bad effects of Mars/Saturn. Clarity and simplicity will neutralize the bad effects of Sun/Neptune. Apply as needed.

So, put your turbulent emotions and swirling thoughts on hold before you act. Place one foot patiently and carefully in front of the other, no matter what the cable news networks are dishing out, no matter what those around you might be fearing at a given moment, no matter what your own thoughts and emotions might be doing. Stay the course.

Although it must be acknowledged that a lot of us will still be recovering from recent stresses and this prescription might not be easy to follow.

These two difficult aspects will be followed up by a third, positive aspect early in September.

### **Sun trines Pluto - September 3, 12:08 PM (New York Time).**

A Sun/Pluto trine lets us coordinate and harmonize our goals with the goals of society and current astrological trends. It allows us to catch the wave.

The Sun/Pluto vibe is like a musical theme that begins quietly, to emerge more strongly later. For much of this time period, its beneficial influence will be in its weaker early stages. It will also be masked, first by Mars/Saturn and then by Sun/Neptune, separately and together.

The positive Sun/Pluto aspect will emerge most strongly after the Mars/Saturn and Sun/Neptune influences have faded away.

But it is much to our advantage to focus on the influence of the growing Sun/Pluto trine immediately. If we miss it or ignore it, we risk being blown badly off course by the negative effects of Mars/Saturn and/or Sun/Neptune.

Again, patience and forbearance, clarity and simplicity will enable us to sense and to benefit from this strongly positive Sun/Pluto trine.

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Ri: googled "Virgo New Moon"      yogononymus

### **New Moon in Virgo: A New Beginning Guillotine (Yikes!)**

By Diane Booth Gilliam

This New Moon is a REAL doozy. It's the annual New Beginning (New Moon) in Virgo, and any

event in Virgo is never, ever about public glory.

It's about mending cracks.

Cracks? Yep, you've got 'em. I've got 'em. And even so, we can be proud of who we are. Take note of your Dirty Little Shame-r Within. Feel free to scoff at her — and here's how: offer the service (Virgo) that you love, no matter what criticism gets flashed your way.

No. Matter. What.

There is a complex mix of energies surrounding this New Moon. So complex in fact that it feels like a concise strike, almost surgical in its precision, with no margin for error. Trust that you're laying the groundwork for your new beginning.

If you feel squeezed, chalk it up to the Mars Saturn conjunction. Mars = action = GO and Saturn = limitation = STOP. This is happening at 17 degrees Scorpio on August 25, the same day as the New Moon. When Mars meets Saturn, you get pushed in one direction, and one direction only. Trust it. This represents your new beginning that is indeed the ~ only ~ way to go. Let's look closer.

[ 1 ] MARS pushes the limits (especially in Scorpio, where this occurs). Think: obsessive desires. Deepening anger.

[ 2 ] SATURN represents the limits. This energy ensures that you can initiate something that will last a very long time. Stern Saturn says: move forward with absolute assurance.

Actually, nothing creates a stronger foundation than Saturn. And when Saturn is motivated by Mars (as it is now), it ups the ante, but — you knew this was coming, right? — nothing demands a more concentrated effort than Mars Saturn.

If this describes you — and you're about ready to give up, don't. Push deeper (Scorpio). Find your second wind (Mars). Work harder (Saturn).

This is absolute energy. Any ending that happens now absolutely is the best thing for you — August 25 is the date you graduate. By that date, you will have done your work, soared to the heights or sunk as low as you can go. And by that date, angry obsessions, passionate grudges, or unstinting labor ends. That's because Mars and Saturn meet in Scorpio, the sign of death and rebirth.

If something has been zapping your energy, this is where you hit the wall and call a halt. Reach the limit where it becomes impossible to keep wandering down that deep dark hall.

### **This IS the New Beginning.**

We rarely talk about how New Moon new beginnings are preceded by an ending, but we gotta let the ending occur. Expect a grieving period. And remember, there is rebirth on the other side. Moments like this are good for us because they allow us to re-focus and re-orient ourselves in a brand new — New Moon — direction.

After the 25th of August, if you've been working on something positive, the door swings open. Your project begins to manifest.

There is tremendous power in this New Moon in Virgo. But it's a certain kind of power, much like a guillotine that severs the past from the future.

### **This Represents Liberation.**

To move with the cosmic flow, do twists. Focus on Virgo's body correlation, the lower abdomen, in Seated Ardha Matsyendrasana, Half Lord of the Fishes Pose. Or Pasasana, Noose Pose. These poses can help you let go. Move with the cosmic flow. At the right time. In the right way.

Hey, your Inner Virgo wouldn't have it any other way.

See more at: <http://yoganonymous.com/new-moon-in-virgo-a-new-beginning-guillotine-yikes/#sthash.ApNodRbl.dpuf>

### Conference Call

**T:** put Magic Mary in the circle of support to find the best alternative solutions to her current health problems and to reverse aging.

**C2:** to go on line and look for solutions for leg infections

**T:** connected with the diabetes

**C2:** more music for joy!

**T:** and joy shows up in the most unexpected places!

we are transferring from one epic event of the old, to an epic event of the new – and the new is joyful!

**T & R** have been offered to make little 30 second bleeps for BBS and they will play the bleeps 6 x a day so people on other calls will hear them! Give the other listeners the source of this information.

**T:** what T said is exactly what the programming is about: reference to the discussion about people being programmed and not looking beyond their own thoughts and beliefs:

- People are programmed to think that what the US is doing is OK, and they don't have to do any learning about what is going on anywhere else.
- For example, when the news is broadcast from Iraq and we are told we're the good guys, and ISIS is the bad guys -
- A lady from there said: If you only could see what the people on the other side see in the US – **they don't see Americans as bad or evil, but as totally programmed.**

**C2:** Occupy Television.com – they will put out info from T & R – reach a younger audience

- working with the Green Party which is already global – so is OccupyTelevision which is a huge network and is asking groups to provide information
- OccupyHelo is one of the main [www.millionsagainstmonsanto.org](http://www.millionsagainstmonsanto.org) citizensagainstnlg.com

**T:** whether she listens to someone talking from Russia, Lebanon, Iran – they know there is an energy being suppressed in the US

**C2;** the US is recognized as 46<sup>th</sup> in the world in having good news, and 50<sup>th</sup> in terms of health care

**T:** this is so overnight: things will change overnight, and what has happened, what is strangled, will be like a bad dream.

**C2:** so many people need to hear what T & R have to offer

**T:** we are so lucky to be alive at this time: we have no clue yet how magnificent being alive now is

- Pushing the envelope: what they did by chopping off the head of the American Journalist:
  - the knife is now against their throat – when Mother shows up, it is a quick and simple job and you are gone: the time line is changed.
  - If this [what is going on now] were a natural thing, the timeline would not be as it is now – it was the consensus of all of us to allow the free will choice that has resulted in what we see today
  - Things are bad now, but were worse in the time of Egypt – way worse!

**C3:** How was Egypt worse than what is happening now?

**T:** The priesthood had their siddhis and they used them: today, Christine Lagarde is contained!

- When we came from the first creation, we selectively said we'll do this: we asked for the veil to be dropped and they completely destroyed a 23 sun system with millions and millions of people gone



over a space of time.

- they had to be reconstituted by Lord Metatron – they were all reconstituted so they could take / use/ remember the experience and be willing to think about how to use it in the future
- We are in the transition, and people do not quite see: think we've been smoking something!
  - People have to be willing to drop what is not working and jump off the cliff into the new adventure

**C2:** if we have the programs related to art and all the other things, we will be fine

**T:** it is **also about DE-programming**, as well as the education, education, education Lyn is talking about

**C2:** we have to realize we were side-swiped!

**T: Side-Swiped: a good book**

- Discussion of Rev William Barbour and the mayor of the town in North Carolina; they got together to fight for the hospital
- Re; people in Congress and the Sentat: everyone had to sign a secret oath to support Israel, if you don't, you're dead

**C2:** [www.voicesofdetroit.net](http://www.voicesofdetroit.net) – lots of money for war and nothing for the city or for water

- taking the homes from the people and putting the children in foster care

**T:** it's happening across the country but the focus is on Detroit because they have one nasty gov there!

**BBS**

**Music:**

**Reading: completion of what was started earlier! With commentary!!!**

**[SEE BELOW]**

2014, Aug 19 **Provocations as Pretexts for Imperial War~ From Pearl Harbor to 9~11**

**Rama talked to Pres. Rouhani and Dr Keshe of Iran last week, they've had 12 nukes for 25 – 30 years Basically, to keep a lid on Israel – everyone know what they have in Israel, the kind of “leadership” they have there**

**T:** when NESARA is announced, all this is dismantled – she is reading from last 3 paragraphs of the article

**Audio: Craig Melvin - All In With Chris Hayes** 2014, Aug 22 <http://www.msnbc.com/all>

**The fight in Ferguson isn't over**

Activist Taurean Russell and rapper Tef Poe discuss their plans to keep the protest spirit alive as the spotlight on Ferguson starts to fade.

**Audio: Melissa Harris-Perry** 08/23/14

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry>

**Is ballot box best way to create change?**

Some local organizations in Ferguson are working to translate outrage into ongoing political engagement by encouraging voter registration. Rev. William Barber joins to discuss.

**Should there be a change in leadership in Ferguson?**

The MHP table talks about the importance of Ferguson residents having elected leaders that they feel represent them.

**Ebola outbreak growing increasingly dire**

Even with a recovery here at home, the Ebola outbreak in West Africa is growing increasingly dire. Ashaluck Batiasevi, spokesperson for WorldHealth.org and Dr. Alexander Van Tulleken discuss with Melissa Harris-Perry.

**Dyson: Obama needs to 'show up' in Ferguson**

Michael Eric Dyson joins to discuss President Obama's absence from the scene in Ferguson, Missouri.

**The impact of Eric Holder's visit to Ferguson**

Attorney General Eric Holder went to Ferguson, Missouri this week to check in on the Justice Department investigation into Michael Brown's death. John Gaskin and Molyric Welch join to discuss.

**MHP on 'cringe-worthy' analysis of Ferguson**

Melissa Harris-Perry's open letter goes out to Time magazine's political columnist Joe Klein, who she says provided a "cringe-worthy" analysis of the uprisings after the Michael Brown shooting.

**How Ferguson's kids have been affected**

One thing that has been directly affected by all the chaos stemming from protests over Michael Brown's death is the classroom. MSNBC.com's Amanda Sakuma and Dr. Marva Robinson from the Association of Black Psychologists join to discuss.

**Audio: Bill Moyers & Company**      Going Home With Maya Angelou **[SEE BELOW]**  
Maya Angelou on Facing Evil

<http://billmoyers.com/episode/full-show-going-home-with-maya-angelou/>  
<http://billmoyers.com/episode/full-show-maya-angelou-on-facing-evil/>

**Audio: Breaking the Set**      Season II Finale: **Another Ferguson shooting & failures of the Democratic party**      **August 23, 2014**

In this episode of Breaking the Set, Abby Martin comments on yet another shooting in Ferguson, MO, involving a local resident who was shot in the head by an unknown person, yet after police confiscated the bullet there has been no follow-up or investigation into who shot her. Abby then reports on the latest violence in Gaza, and speaks with Seattle city council member Kshama Sawant about her letter to the Obama administration denouncing Israel's ongoing siege and blockade of Gaza. BTS wraps up the show - an interview with author and journalist Nafeez Ahmed, discussing his four-part investigation into the Pentagon's mass social science project called The Minerva Research Initiative, as well as his latest book 'Zero Point'.

**Audio: Max Keiser**      [KR644] **Keiser Report: Skynet Robotic Future**      2014, Aug 23

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=XGFiqrGEPmA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=XGFiqrGEPmA)

We discuss a future in which most jobs are obsolesced away by robots and mechanization. Just as human invention lost the horse many jobs it used to perform, so, too, for millions of workers – and it's happening right now. In the second half, Max interviews Perianne Boring of the Chamber of Digital Commerce about the chamber's role in advocating for bitcoin and where she sees the future of regulation heading.

**Reading:**      **[SEE BELOW]**  
2014, Aug 7 **Five Facts that the Israeli Government Would Prefer you did not Know**

**Reading:** D'Yanni Ywahoo – Ch 9

**Closing:** Rainbird

**Robert Bly #3**      **Music: I am the Medicine Man!**

## INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2009, Jan 16 **Haplotypic Background of a Private Allele at High Frequency in the Americas**

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### Abstract

Recently, the observation of a high-frequency private allele, the 9-repeat allele at microsatellite D9S1120, in all sampled Native American and Western Beringian populations has been interpreted as evidence that all modern Native Americans descend primarily from a single founding population. However, this inference assumed that all copies of the 9-repeat allele were identical by descent and that the geographic distribution of this allele had not been influenced by natural selection. To investigate whether these assumptions are satisfied, we genotyped 34 single nucleotide polymorphisms across ~500 kilobases (kb) around D9S1120 in 21 Native American and Western Beringian populations and 54 other worldwide populations. All chromosomes with the 9-repeat allele share the same haplotypic background in the vicinity of D9S1120, suggesting that all sampled copies of the 9-repeat allele are identical by descent. Ninety-one percent of these chromosomes share the same 76.26 kb haplotype, which we call the “American Modal Haplotype”

(AMH). Three observations lead us to conclude that the high frequency and widespread distribution of the 9-repeat allele are unlikely to be the result of positive selection: 1) aside from its association with the 9-repeat allele, the AMH does not have a high frequency in the Americas, 2) the AMH is not unusually long for its frequency compared with other haplotypes in the Americas, and 3) in Latin American mestizo populations, the proportion of Native American ancestry at D9S1120 is not unusual compared with that observed at other genomewide microsatellites. Using a new method for estimating the time to the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) of all sampled copies of an allele on the basis of an estimate of the length of the genealogy descended from the MRCA, we calculate the mean time to the MRCA of the 9-repeat allele to be between 7,325 and 39,900 years, depending on the demographic model used. The results support the hypothesis that all modern Native Americans and Western Beringians trace a large portion of their ancestry to a single founding population that may have been isolated from other Asian populations prior to expanding into the Americas.

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## 2014, Aug 18 **Did Bush move America's presidency 'offshore?'**

Rather than allow President Obama to assume a "real" presidential office, sources now tell that "handlers" who, with the help of Vice President Cheney, kept George W. Bush medicated and sober as possible, directed him to facilitate efforts that would guarantee that no subsequent American president would ever be able to enact policies unfavorable to Israel or powerful criminal interests.

Like so many American corporations, even the US presidency is moved "offshore," considered too important to be left in the hands of elected officials. As American broadcast journalist Mike Harris said today, "So this is why President Obama is playing so much golf."

This wasn't the first time an American presidency was considered a threat and this solution, "offshoring," was deemed an effective way of avoiding other efforts as were looked to in the past.

President Obama has had less power than any American president in history. Nominations are blocked, his decisions are never enacted because of lack of funding and many departments under executive authority simply ignore him. There is a reason for this. The American presidency was relocated, "offshore," by George W. Bush.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2000, the GOP and their Israeli allies spent up to \$10 billion to win the White House, rigging voting machines, intimidating voters, manipulating counts and running a smear campaign of unprecedented proportions. They still lost. Sources have now come forward that cleaning up the trail of the 2000 coup de etat involved threats against Al Gore and his family, and the 2008 murder of GOP "vote hacker," Mike Connell, just before he faced an Ohio grand jury.

Even after staging 9/11 and in the midst of two contrived wars, John Kerry unofficially won the 2004 election with a 5 million vote majority. Pollsters were clear on one thing; there would never be a fairly elected Republican candidate in the White House. There was only one solution, the presidency had to be destroyed, its power eliminated and moved offshore.

This project was undertaken by the Bush administration, literally "burning down the White House," leaving the executive branch of the US government powerless on its own, subject to the Supreme Court, now the chief lawmaking branch of government and the similarly crippled legislative branch.

### **CRIPPLING THE LEGISLATURE**

The US held a census in 2000. As is the case, after each census, districts that elect members of the House of Representatives are reapportioned based on population trends. This time was different. With the US Supreme Court totally under control, and Bush in officer after the coup, the House of Representatives was restructured based on what is called "gerrymandering."

No matter how large a majority Democrats would win an election by, most seats would go to the Republicans. In the 2012 election, Republicans won a substantial majority in the House with only 37 percent of the vote.

### **WHY THIS MATTERS**

Before Bush left office, "line item" rules were established that made any effort to enact executive policy subject to financial oversight and approval by the House. Bush, in agreeing to this, virtually eliminated the Executive branch of government.

Any presidential initiative, let's say, closing Guantanamo for instance, depends on spending funds. Travel, administrative planning or even moving prisoners requires spending. If funds are spent, even when approved by the president, without the now necessary approval of the House, always a "Republican"

house, the president is violating law and subject to impeachment. This is the basis for the current proposed impeachment of President Obama now.

However, what has been done is to have abrogated all constitutional structure through what had been sabotage of the American government, what in reality is an act of “constitutional terrorism.”

## **RULES UPON RULES**

In order to block Obama from reforming the government, every federal department that would be under his authority, those overseeing veterans affairs, protecting the borders, running the military, overseeing environment or even law enforcement, was totally restructured by the Federalist Society, a group of lawyers closely tied to Zionist extremist elements.

A new class of “civil servant” was created that could only be removed through legislative authority. These “protected individuals” are tasked with directing contracts to “favored” individuals and, if necessary, to sabotage government operations as we have seen with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement branch. Both simply stopped operating, veterans medical care came to an end and millions of illegal aliens simply walked into America as the bureaucracy overseeing America’s borders simply stopped functioning, went on “stand down.”

Moreover, the legislative organizations themselves set up rules allowing them to block any legislation or political appointment and, in doing so, paralyze the Obama administration that hasn’t been able to appoint ambassadors, judges, prosecutors of regulatory personnel.

All performing those key tasks under Obama are either Bush holdovers or, as with the State Department, neocon puppets like Samantha Power, US Ambassador to the UN or Victoria Nuland, defacto “Queen” of the Ukraine.

## **PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY**

Eisenhower was the last “dependable” American president. No one tried to kill him as with Truman; he quietly disarmed America, fell behind in the space race, watched American cities crumble and was silent on all areas of human rights. Eisenhower was “perfect.”

Kennedy, however, was a problem and was dealt with effectively, murdered within weeks of moving against both Israel’s nuclear arsenal and the Federal Reserve System.

Similarly, Lyndon Johnson was forced to withdraw from the presidency in favor of Nixon. What he did to offend, complicit in the Six Day War and the attack on the USS Liberty, will never be known.

Similarly, Nixon was brought down, resigning to avoid impeachment and prison. Nixon openly hated Jews, making his partnership with arch-Zionist Kissinger a case of “strange bedfellows.”

The Carter presidency was destroyed by the Federal Reserve cutting off the money supply and pushing interest rates into the stratosphere. Carter, now considered a “rabid anti-Semite” had to be gotten rid of. Reagan and Bush and the “October surprise” assured that.

Reagan could win but was never intended to serve. 69 days in office he was shot by a Bush family friend.

When, in 1988, a Bush president was finally in office, a war contrived and a major US victory heralded, only 4 years later, Bush came in third in a 3 way presidential race.

Though Clinton was paying off the national debt, unemployment at an all-time low, economic growth at an all-time high, US relations around the world at a crescendo, congress tried to impeach him based on an affair with a young Mossad operative named Monica Lewinsky.

## **OBAMA’S CONFUSING STATE OF AFFAIRS**

Last week, President Obama cut military aid to Israel, blocking shipments of Hellfire missiles, the primary weapon used against civilians in Gaza by the IDF. Conservative news organization said “Obama has joined Hamas” and that this will likely “give Hamas a commanding position in the war in Israel.”

Only a week before, Obama had sounded like he was totally behind Israel, according to newspaper reports. Now he is considered both a “terrorist” and “traitor” by Republicans and the Israel lobby.

Inexplicably, independent press organs that had been citing connections between ISIS and their reign of terror and the trail of support for that organization that led back to Tel Aviv, began attacking Obama when he ordered bombing raids on this Israeli backed Al Qaeda group.

When Obama uses his position as commander in chief of the military to, what appears to be, strangle Israeli operations, even that is purposefully misconstrued to the point of absurdity. After all, as Thierry Meyssan of Voltaire Net so ably pointed out, it is ISIS that is partnered with the Israeli's, ARAMCO and the oil companies, why are moves against them being reported by “alternative press” groups as quite the opposite?

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2014, Aug 19 **Provocations as Pretexts for Imperial War~ From Pearl Harbor to 9~11**  
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Wars in an imperialist democracy cannot simply be dictated by executive fiat; they require the consent of highly motivated masses who will make the human and material sacrifices. Imperialist leaders have to create a visible and highly charged emotional sense of injustice and righteousness to secure national cohesion and overcome the natural opposition to early death, destruction and disruption of civilian life and to the brutal regimentation that goes with submission to absolutist rule by the military.

The need to invent a cause is especially the case with imperialist countries because their national territory is not under threat. There is no visible occupation army oppressing the mass of the people in their everyday life. The “enemy” does not disrupt everyday normal life - as forced conscription would and does. Under normal peaceful time, who would be willing to sacrifice their constitutional rights and their participation in civil society to subject themselves to martial rule that precludes the exercise of all their civil freedoms?

The task of imperial rulers is to fabricate a world in which the enemy to be attacked (an emerging imperial power like Japan) is portrayed as an “invader” or an aggressor in the case of revolutionary movements (Korean and Indo-Chinese communists) engaged in a civil war against an imperial client ruler or a “terrorist conspiracy” linked to an anti-imperialist, anti-colonial Islamic movements and secular states. Imperialist democracies in the past did not need to consult or secure mass support for their expansionist wars; they relied on volunteer armies, mercenaries and colonial subjects led and directed by colonial officers. Only with the confluence of imperialism, electoral politics and total war did the need arise to secure not only consent, but also enthusiasm, to facilitate mass recruitment and obligatory conscription.

Since all US imperial wars are fought “overseas” “far from any immediate threats, attacks or invasions” - US imperial rulers have the special task of making the “causis bellicus” immediate, dramatic and self-righteously defensive.

To this end US Presidents have created circumstances, fabricated incidents and acted in complicity with their enemies, to incite the bellicose temperament of the masses in favor of war.

The pretext for wars are acts of provocation which set in motion a series of counter-moves by the enemy, which are then used to justify an imperial mass military mobilization leading to and legitimizing war.

State “provocations” require uniform mass media complicity in the lead-up to open warfare: Namely the portrayal of the imperial country as a victim of its own over-trusting innocence and good intentions. All four major US imperial wars over the past 67 years resorted to a provocation, a pretext, and systematic, high intensity mass media propaganda to mobilize the masses for war. An army of academics, journalists, mass media pundits and experts “soften up” the public in preparation for war through demonological writing and commentary: Each and every aspect of the forthcoming military target is described as totally evil - hence “totalitarian” – in which even the most benign policy is linked to demonic ends of the regime.

Since the “enemy to be” lacks any saving graces and worst, since the “totalitarian state” controls everything and everybody, no process of internal reform or change is possible. Hence the defeat of “total evil” can only take place through “total war”. The targeted state and people must be destroyed in order to be redeemed. In a word, the imperial democracy must regiment and convert itself into a military juggernaut based on mass complicity with imperial war crimes. The war against “totalitarianism” becomes the vehicle for total



state control for an imperial war.

In the case of the US-Japanese war, the US-Korean war, the US-Indochinese war and the post-September 11 war against an independent secular nationalist regime (Iraq) and the Islamic Afghan republic, the Executive branch (with the uniform support of the mass media and congress) provoked a hostile response from its target and fabricated a pretext as a basis for mass mobilization for prolonged and bloody wars.

### **US-Japan War: Provocation and Pretext for War**

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt set high standards for provoking and creating a pretext for undermining majoritarian anti-war sentiment, unifying and mobilizing the country for war. Robert Stinnett, in his brilliantly documented study, **Day of Deceit: The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor**, demonstrates that Roosevelt provoked the war with Japan by deliberately following an eight-step program of harassment and embargo against Japan developed by Lt. Commander Arthur H. McCollum, head of the Far East desk of the Office of Naval Intelligence. He provides systematic documentation of US cables tracking the Japanese fleet to Pearl Harbor, clearly demonstrating that FDR knew in advance of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor following the Japanese fleet virtually every step of the way. Even more damaging, Stinnett reveals that Admiral H.E. Kimmel, in charge of the defense of Pearl Harbor, was systematically excluded from receiving critical intelligence reports on the approaching movements of the Japanese fleet, thus preventing the defense of the US base.

The "sneak" attack by the Japanese, which caused the death over three thousand American service men and the destruction of scores of ships and planes, successfully "provoked" the war FDR had wanted. In the run-up to the Japanese attack, President Roosevelt ordered the implementation of Naval Intelligence's October 1940 memorandum, authored by McCollum, for eight specific measures, which amounted to acts of war including an economic embargo of Japan, the shipment of arms to Japan's adversaries, the prevention of Tokyo from securing strategic raw materials essential for its economy and the denial of port access, thus provoking a military confrontation.

To overcome massive US opposition to war, Roosevelt needed a dramatic, destructive immoral act committed by Japan against a clearly "defensive" US base to turn the pacifist US public into a cohesive, outraged, righteous war machine. Hence the Presidential decision to undermine the defense of Pearl Harbor by denying the Navy Commander in charge of its defense, Admiral Kimmel, essential intelligence about anticipated December 7, 1941 attack. The United States "paid the price" with 2,923 Americans killed and 879 wounded, Admiral Kimmel was blamed and stood trial for dereliction of duty, but FDR got his war. The successful outcome of FDR's strategy led to a half-century of US imperial supremacy in the Asia-Pacific region. An unanticipated outcome, however, was the US and Japanese imperial defeats on the Chinese mainland and in North Korea by the victorious communist armies of national liberation.

### **Provocation and Pretext for the US War Against Korea**

The incomplete conquest of Asia following the US defeat of Japanese imperialism, particularly the revolutionary upheavals in China, Korea and Indochina, posed a strategic challenge to US empire builders. Their massive financial and military aid to their Chinese clients failed to stem the victory of the anti-imperialist Red Armies. President Truman faced a profound dilemma [how to consolidate US imperial supremacy in the Pacific at a time of growing nationalist and communist upheavals when the vast majority of the war wearied soldiers and civilians were demanding demobilization and a return to civilian life and economy. Like Roosevelt in 1941, Truman needed to provoke a confrontation, one that could be dramatized as an offensive attack on the US (and its allies) and could serve as a pretext to overcome widespread opposition to another imperial war.

Truman and the Pacific military command led by General Douglas Mac Arthur chose the Korean peninsula as the site for detonating the war. Throughout the Japanese-Korean war, the Red guerrilla forces led the

national liberation struggle against the Japanese Army and its Korean collaborators. Subsequent to the defeat of Japan, the national revolt developed into a social revolutionary struggle against Korean elite collaborators with the Japanese occupiers. As Bruce Cumings documents in his classic study, **The Origins of the Korean War**, the internal civil war preceded and defined the conflict prior to and after the US occupation and division of Korea into a "North" and "South". The political advance of the mass national movement led by the anti-imperialist communists and the discredit of the US-backed Korean collaborators undermined Truman's efforts to arbitrarily divide the country "geographically". In the midst of this class-based civil war, Truman and Mac Arthur created a provocation: They intervened, establishing a US occupation army and military bases and arming the counter-revolutionary former Japanese collaborators. The US hostile presence in a "sea" of anti-imperialist armies and civilian social movements inevitably led to the escalation of social conflict, in which the US-backed Korean clients were losing.

As the Red Armies rapidly advanced from their strongholds in the north and joined with the mass revolutionary social movements in the South they encountered fierce repression and massacres of anti-imperialist civilians, workers and peasants, by the US armed collaborators. Facing defeat Truman declared that the civil war was really an "invasion" by (north) Koreans against (south) Korea. Truman, like Roosevelt, was willing to sacrifice the US troops by putting them in the direct fire of the revolutionary armies in order to militarize and mobilize the US public in defense of imperial outposts in the southern Korean peninsula.

In the run-up to the US invasion of Korea, Truman, the US Congress and the mass media engaged in a massive propaganda campaign and purge of peace and anti-militarist organizations throughout US civil society. Tens of thousands of individuals lost their jobs, hundreds were jailed and hundreds of thousands were blacklisted. Trade unions and civic organizations were taken over by pro-war, pro-empire collaborators. Propaganda and purges facilitated the propagation of the danger of a new world war, in which democracy was threatened by expanding Communist totalitarianism. In reality, democracy was eroded to prepare for an imperial war to prop up a client regime and secure a military beachhead on the Asian continent.

The US invasion of Korea to prop up its tyrannical client was presented as a response to "North" Korea invading "South" Korea and threatening "our" soldiers defending democracy. The heavy losses incurred by retreating US troops belied the claim of President Truman that the imperial war was merely a police action. By the end of the first year of the imperial war, public opinion turned against the war. Truman was seen as a deceptive warmonger. In 1952, the electorate elected Dwight Eisenhower on his promise to end the war. An armistice was agreed to in 1953. Truman's use of military provocation to detonate a conflict with the advancing Korean revolutionary armies and then using the pretext of US forces in danger to launch a war did not succeed in securing a complete victory: The war ended in a divided Korean nation. Truman left office disgraced and derided, and the US public turned anti-war for another decade.

### **The US IndoChinese War: Johnson's Tonkin Pretext**

The US invasion and war against Vietnam was a prolonged process, beginning in 1954 and continuing to the final defeat in 1975. From 1954 to 1960, the US sent military combat advisers to train the army of the corrupt, unpopular and failed collaborator regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem. With the election of President Kennedy, Washington escalated the number of military advisers, commandos (so called "Green Berets") and the use of death squads (Plan Phoenix). Despite the intensification of the US involvement and its extensive role in directing military operations, Washington's surrogate "South Vietnam" Army (ARNV) was losing the war to the South Vietnamese National Liberation Army (Viet Cong) and the South Vietnamese National Liberation Front (NLF), which clearly had the support of the overwhelming majority of the Vietnamese people.

Following the assassination of President Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson took over the Presidency and faced the imminent collapse of the US puppet regime and the defeat of its surrogate Vietnamese Army.

The US had two strategic objectives in launching the Vietnam War: The first involved establishing a ring of client regimes and military bases from Korea, Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, Indochina, Pakistan, Northern Burma (via the KMT opium lords and Shan secessionists) and Tibet to encircle China, engage in cross border "commando" attacks by surrogate military forces and block China's access to its natural markets. The second strategic objective in the US invasion and occupation of Vietnam was part of its general program to destroy powerful national liberation and anti-imperialist movements in Southeast Asia, particularly in Indochina, Indonesia, the Philippines. The purpose was to consolidate client regimes, which would provide military bases, de-nationalize and privatize their raw materials sectors and provide political and military support to US empire building. The conquest of Indochina was an essential part of US empire-building in Asia. Washington calculated that by defeating the strongest Southeast Asian anti-imperialist movement and country, neighboring countries (especially Laos and Cambodia) would fall easily.

Washington faced multiple problems. In the first place, given the collapse of the surrogate "South Vietnam" regime and army, Washington would need to massively escalate its military presence, in effect substituting its ground forces for the failed puppet forces and extend and intensify its bombing throughout North Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. In a word, convert a limited covert war into a massive publicly declared war.

The second problem was the reticence of significant sectors of the US public, especially college students (and their middle and working class parents) facing conscription, who opposed the war. The scale and scope of military commitment envisioned as necessary to win the imperial war required a pretext, a justification.

The pretext had to be such as to present the US invading armies as responding to a sneak attack by an aggressor country (North Vietnam). President Johnson, the Secretary of Defense, the US Naval and Air Force Command, the National Security Agency, acted in concert. What was referred to as the Gulf of Tonkin Incident involved a fabricated account of a pair of attacks, on August 2 and 4, 1964 off the coast of North Vietnam by naval forces of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam against two US destroyers: the USS Maddox and the USS Turner Joy. Using, as a pretext, the fabricated account of the "attacks", the US Congress almost unanimously passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution on August 7, 1964, which granted President Johnson full power to expand the invasion and occupation of Vietnam up to and beyond 500,000 US ground troops by 1966. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution authorized President Johnson to conduct military operations throughout Southeast Asia without a declaration of war and gave him the freedom "to take all necessary steps, including the use of armed force to assist any member or protocol state of the Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty requesting assistance in defense of freedom".

On August 5, 1964 Lyndon Johnson went on national television and radio announcing the launching of massive waves of "retaliatory" bombing of North Vietnamese naval facilities (Operation Pierce Arrow). In 2005, official documents released from the Pentagon, the National Security Agency and other government departments have revealed that there was no Vietnamese attack. On the contrary, according to the US Naval Institute, a program of covert CIA attacks against North Vietnam had begun in 1961 and was taken over by the Pentagon in 1964. These maritime attacks on the North Vietnamese coast by ultra-fast Norwegian-made patrol boats (purchased by the US for the South Vietnamese puppet navy and under direct US naval coordination) were an integral part of the operation. Secretary of Defense McNamara admitted to Congress that US ships were involved in attacks on the North Vietnamese coast prior to the so-called Gulf of Tonkin Incident .

So much for Johnson's claim of an "unprovoked attack". The key lie, however, was the claim that the USS Maddox "retaliated" against an "attacking" Vietnamese patrol boat. The Vietnamese patrol boats, according to NSA accounts released in 2005, were not even in the vicinity of the Maddox - they were at least 10,000 yards away and three rounds were first fired at them by the Maddox which then falsely claimed it subsequently suffered some damage from a single 14.5 mm machine gun bullet to its hull. The August 4 "Vietnamese attack" never happened. Captain John Herrick of the Turner Joy cabled that "many reported contacts and torpedoes fired appear doubtful...No actual visual sightings (of North Vietnamese naval boats)

by Maddox”.

The consequences of the fabrication of the Tonkin Gulf incident and provocation was to justify an escalation of war that killed 4 million people in Indochina, maimed, displaced and injured millions more, in addition to killing 58,000 US service men and wounding a half-million more in this failed effort in military-driven empire-building. Elsewhere in Asia, the US empire builders consolidated their client collaborative rule: In Indonesia, which had one of the largest open Communist Party in the world, a CIA designed military coup, backed by Johnson in 1966 and led by General Suharto, murdered over one million trade unionists, peasants, progressive intellectuals, school teachers and "communists" (and their family members).

What is striking about the US declaration of war in Vietnam is that the latter did not respond to the US-directed maritime provocations that served as a pretext for war. As a result, Washington had to fabricate a Vietnamese response and then use it as the pretext for war.

The idea of fabricating military threats (the Gulf of Tonkin Incident) and then using them as pretext for the US-Vietnam war was repeated in the case of the US invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, Bush Administration policy makers, who launched the Afghan and Iraq wars, tried to prevent the publication of a report by the top Navy commander in which he recounted how the NSA distorted the intelligence reports regarding the Tonkin incident to serve the Johnson Administration's ardent desire for a pretext to war.

### **Provocation and Pretext: 9/11 and the Afghan-Iraq Invasions**

In 2001, the vast majority of the US public was concerned over domestic matters [the downturn in the economy, corporate corruption (Enron, World Com etc), the bursting of the "dot-com" bubble and avoiding any new military confrontation in the Middle East. There was no sense that the US had any interest in going to war for Israel, nor launching a new war against Iraq, especially an Iraq, which had been defeated and humiliated a decade earlier and was subject to brutal economic sanctions.

The US oil companies were negotiating new agreements with the Gulf States and looked forward to, with some hope, a stable, peaceful Middle East, marred by Israel's savaging the Palestinians and threatening its adversaries. In the Presidential election of 2000, George W. Bush was elected despite losing the popular vote - in large part because of electoral chicanery (with the complicity of the Supreme Court) denying the vote to blacks in Florida. Bush's bellicose rhetoric and emphasis on "national security" resonated mainly with his Zionist advisers and the pro-Israeli lobby - otherwise, for the majority of Americans, it fell on deaf ears.

The gap between the Middle East War plans of his principle Zionist appointees in the Pentagon, the Vice President's office and the National Security Council and the general US public's concern with domestic issues was striking. No amount of Zionist-authored position papers, anti-Arab, anti-Muslim rhetoric and theatrics, emanating from Israel and its US based spokespeople, were making any significant impact on the US public. There was widespread disbelief that there was an imminent threat to US security through a catastrophic terrorist attack - which is defined as an attack using chemical, biological or nuclear weapons of mass destruction. The US public believed that Israel's Middle East wars and their unconditional US lobbyists promotion for direct US involvement were not part of their lives nor in the country's interest.

The key challenge for the militarists in the Bush Administration was how to bring the US public around to support the new Middle East war agenda, in the absence of any visible, credible and immediate threat from any sovereign Middle Eastern country.

The Zionists were well placed in all the key government positions to launch a worldwide offensive war. They had clear ideas of the countries to target (Middle East adversaries of Israel). They had defined the ideology (the war on terror [preventive defense]). They projected a sequence of wars. They linked their Middle East war strategy to a global military offensive against all governments, movements and leaders who opposed US military-driven empire building. What they needed was to coordinate the elite into actually

facilitating a catastrophic terrorist incident that could trigger the implementation of their publicly stated and defended new world war.

The key to the success of the operation was to encourage terrorists and to facilitate calculated and systematic "neglect" - to deliberately marginalize intelligence agents and agency reports that identified the terrorists, their plans and methods. In the subsequent investigatory hearings, it was necessary to foster the image of "neglect", bureaucratic ineptness and security failures in order to cover up Administration complicity in the terrorists' success. An absolutely essential element in mobilizing massive and unquestioning support for the launching of a world war of conquest and destruction centered in Muslim and Arab countries and people was a "catastrophic event" that could be linked to the latter.

After the initial shock of 9/11 and the mass media propaganda blitz saturating every household, questions began to be raised by critics about the run-up to the event, especially when reports began to circulate from domestic and overseas intelligence agencies that US policy makers were clearly informed of preparations for a terrorist attack. After many months of sustained public pressure, President Bush finally named an investigatory commission on 9/11, headed by former politicians and government officials. Philip Zelikow, an academic and former government official and prominent advocate of preventative defense (the offensive war policies promoted by the Zionist militants in the government) was named executive director to conduct and write the official 9-11 Commission Report. Zelikow was privy to the need for a pretext, like 9/11, for launching the permanent global warfare, which he had advocated. With a prescience, which could only come from an insider to the fabrication leading to war, he had written: "Like Pearl Harbor, this event would divide our past and future into a before and after. The United States (sic) might respond with draconian measures, scaling back civil liberties, allowing wider surveillance of citizens, detention of suspects and use of deadly force (torture)", (see *Catastrophic Terrorism: Tackling the New Dangers*, co-authored by Philip Zelikow and published by **Foreign Affairs** in 1998).

Zelikow directed the commission report, which exonerated the administration of any knowledge and complicity in 9/11, but convinced few Americans outside of the mass media and Congress. Polls conducted in the summer of 2003 on the findings of the Commission proceedings and its conclusions found that a majority of the American public expressed a high level of distrust and rejection - especially among New Yorkers. The general public suspected Government complicity, especially when it was revealed that Zelikow conferred with key figures under investigation, Vice President Cheney and Presidential Guru Karl Rove. In response to skeptical citizens, Zelikow went on an insane rage, calling the sceptics "pathogens" or germs whose infection "needed to be contained. With language reminiscent of a Hitlerian Social Darwinist diatribe, he referred to criticisms of the Commission cover up as "a bacteria (that) can sicken the larger body (of public opinion)". Clearly Zelikow's pseudo-scientific rant reflects the fear and loathing he feels for those who implicated him with a militarist regime, which fabricated a pretext for a catastrophic war for Zelikow's favorite state - Israel .

Throughout the 1990s, the US and Israeli military-driven empire building took on an added virulence: Israel dispossessed Palestinians and extended its colonial settlements. Bush, Senior invaded Iraq and systematically destroyed Iraq's military and civil economic infrastructure and fomented an ethnically cleansed Kurdish client state in the north. Like his predecessor Ronald Reagan, President George H.W. Bush, Senior backed anti-communist Islamic irregulars in their conquest of Afghanistan via their "holy wars" against a leftist secular nationalist regime. At the same time Bush, Senior attempted to "balance" military empire building with expanding the US economic empire, by not occupying Iraq and unsuccessfully trying to restrain Israeli colonial settlements in the West Bank.

With the rise of Clinton, all restraints on military-driven empire building were thrown over: Clinton provoked a major Balkan war, viciously bombing and dismembering Yugoslavia, periodically bombing Iraq and extending and expanding US military bases in the Gulf States. He bombed the largest pharmaceutical factory in Sudan, invaded Somalia and intensified a criminal economic boycott of Iraq, leading to the death of an estimated 500,000 children. Within the Clinton regime, several liberal pro-Israel Zionists joined the

military-driven empire builders in the key policy-making positions. Israeli military expansion and repression reached new heights as US-financed colonial Jewish settlers and heavily armed Israeli military forces slaughtered unarmed Palestinian teenagers protesting the Israeli presence in the Occupied Territories during the First Intifada. In other words, Washington extended its military penetration and occupation deeper into Arab countries and societies, discrediting and weakening the hold of its client puppet regimes over their people.

The US ended military support for the armed Islamic anti-communists in Afghanistan once they had served US policy goals by destroying the Soviet backed secular regime (slaughtering thousands of school teachers in the process). As a consequence of US-financing, there was a vast, loose network of well-trained Islamic fighters available for combat against other target regimes. Many were flown by the Clinton regime into Bosnia where Islamic fighters fought a surrogate separatist war against the secular and socialist central government of Yugoslavia. Others were funded to destabilize Iran and Iraq. They were seen in Washington as shock troops for future US military conquests. Nevertheless Clinton's imperial coalition of Israeli colonialists, armed Islamic mercenary fighters, Kurdish and Chechen separatists broke up as Washington and Israel advanced toward war and conquest of Arab and Muslim states and the US spread its military presence in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Gulf States.

Military-driven empire building against existing nation-states was not an easy sell to the US public or to the market-driven empire builders of Western Europe and Japan and the newly emerging market-driven empire builders of China and Russia. Washington needed to create conditions for a major provocation, which would overcome or weaken the resistance and opposition of rival economic empire builders. More particularly, Washington needed a "catastrophic event" to "turn around" domestic public opinion, which had opposed the first Gulf War and subsequently supported the rapid withdrawal of US troops from Iraq in 1990.

The events, which took place on September 11, 2001, served the purpose of American and Israeli military-driven empire builders. The destruction of the World Trade Center buildings and the deaths of nearly 3,000 civilians, served as a pretext for a series of colonial wars, colonial occupations, and global terrorist activities, and secured the unanimous support of the US Congress and triggered an intense global mass media propaganda campaign for war.

### **The Politics of Military Provocations**

Ten years of starving 23 million Iraqi Arabs under the Clinton regime's economic boycott, interspersed with intense bombing, was a major provocation to Arab communities and citizens around the world. Supporting Israel's systematic dispossession of Palestinians from their lands, interspersed with encroachment on the Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem, was a major provocation which detonated scores of suicide bomb attacks in retaliation. The construction and operation of US military bases in Saudi Arabia, home of the Islamic holy city of Mecca, was a provocation to millions of believers and practicing Muslims. The US and Israeli attack and occupation of southern Lebanon and the killing of 17,000 Lebanese and Palestinians were a provocation to Arabs.

Ruled by pusillanimous Arab regimes, servile to US interests, impotent to respond toward Israeli brutality against Palestinians, Arabs and devout Muslim citizens were constantly pushed by the Bush and especially Clinton regime to respond to their continued provocations. Against the vast disproportion in fire-power between the advanced weaponry of the US and Israeli occupation forces (the Apache helicopter gun ships, the 5,000 pound bombs, the killer drones, the armored carriers, the cluster bombs, Napalm and missiles), the secular Arab and Islamic resistance had only light weaponry consisting of automatic rifles, rocket propelled grenades, short-range and inaccurate Katusha missiles and machine guns. The only weapon they possessed in abundance to retaliate was the suicidal "human bombs".

Up to 9/11, US imperial wars against Arab and Islamic populations were carried out in the targeted and occupied lands where the great mass of Arab people lived, worked and enjoyed shared lives. In other

words, all (and, for Israel, most) of the destructive effects of their wars (the killings, home and neighborhood destruction and kinship losses) were products of US and Israeli offensive wars, seemingly immune to retaliatory action on their own territory.

September 11, 2001 was the first successful large-scale Arab-Islamic offensive attack on US territory in this prolonged, one-sided war. The precise timing of 9/11 coincides with the highly visible takeover of US Middle East war policy by extremist Zionists in the top positions of the Pentagon, the White House and National Security Council and their dominance of Congressional Middle East policies. Arab and Islamic anti-imperialists were convinced that military-driven empire builders were readying for a frontal assault on all the remaining centers of opposition to Zionism in the Middle East, i.e. Iraq, Iran, Syria, Southern Lebanon, the West Bank, Gaza, as well as in Afghanistan in South Asia and Sudan and Somalia in North-East Africa.

This offensive war scenario had been already spelled out by the American Zionist policy elite headed by Richard Pearl for the Israeli Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies in a policy document, entitled **A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm**. This was prepared in 1996 for far-right Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu prior to his taking office.

On September 28, 2000, despite the warnings of many observers, the infamous author of the massacre of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, General Ariel Sharon profaned the Al Aqsa Mosque with his huge military entourage - a deliberate religious provocation that guaranteed Sharon's election as Prime Minister from the far right Likud Party. This led to the Second Intifada and the savage response of the Israelis. Washington's total support of Sharon merely reinforced the worldwide belief among Arabs that the Zionist Solution of massive ethnic purges was on Washington's agenda.

The pivotal group linking US military-driven empire builders with their counterparts in Israel was the major influential Zionist public policy group promoting what they dubbed the "Project for a New American Century" (PNAC). In 1998 they set out a detailed military-driven road map to US world domination (the so-called "Project for a New American Century"), which just happened to focus on the Middle East and just happened to coincide exactly with Tel Aviv's vision of a US-Israel dominated Middle East. In 2000 the PNAC Zionist ideologues published a strategy paper "Rebuilding America's Defenses", which laid down the exact guidelines which incoming Zionist policy makers in the top spheres of the Pentagon and White House would follow. PNAC directives included establishing forward military bases in the Middle East, increasing military spending from 3% to 4% of GNP, a military attack to overthrow Saddam Hussein in Iraq, and military confrontation with Iran using the pretext of the threats of "weapons of mass destruction".

The PNAC agenda could not advance without a catastrophic "Pearl Harbor" type of event, as US military-driven empire builders, Israelis and US Zionist policy makers recognized early on. The deliberate refusal by the White House and its subordinate 16 intelligence agencies and the Justice Department to follow up precise reports of terrorist entry, training, financing and action plans was a case of deliberate "negligence": The purpose was to allow the attack to take place and then to immediately launch the biggest wave of military invasions and state terrorist activities since the end of the Indochina War.

Israel, which had identified and kept close surveillance of the terrorists, insured that the action would proceed without any interruption. During the 9/11 attacks, its agents even had the presumption to video and photograph the exploding towers, while dancing in wild celebration, anticipating Washington's move toward Israel's militarist Middle East strategy.

### **Military-Driven Empire Building : The Zionist Connection**

Militaristic empire building preceded the rise to power of the Zionist Power Configuration (ZPC) in the George W. Bush Administration. The pursuit of it after 9/11 was a joint effort between the ZPC and long-standing US militarists, like Rumsfeld and Cheney. The provocations against Arabs and Muslims leading up to the attacks were induced by both the US and Israel. The current implementation of the militarist strategy

toward Iran is another joint effort of Zionist and US militarists.

What the Zionists did provide, which the US militarists lacked, was an organized mass-based lobby with financing, propagandists and political backing for the war. The principle government ideologues, media experts, spokespeople, academics, speechwriters and advisers for the war were largely drawn from the ranks of US Zionism. The most prejudicial aspects of the Zionist role was in the implementation of war policy, namely the systematic destruction and dismantling of the Iraqi state. Zionist policymakers promoted the US military occupation and supported a massive US military build-up in the region for sequential wars against Iran, Syria and other adversaries of Israeli expansion.

In pursuit of military driven empire building in accord with Israel's own version, the Zionist militarists in the US government exceeded their pre 9/11 expectations, raising military spending from 3% of GNP in 2000 to 6% in 2008, growing at a rate of 13% per year during their ascendancy from 2001-2008. As a result, they raised the US budget deficit to over \$10 trillion dollars by 2010, double the 1997 deficit, and driving the US economy and its economic empire toward bankruptcy.

The Zionist American policy makers were blind to the dire economic consequences for US overseas economic interests because their main strategic consideration was whether US policy enhanced Israel's military dominance in the Middle East. The cost (in blood and treasure) of using the US to militarily destroy Israel's adversaries was of no concern.

To pursue the Zionist-US military-driven imperial project of a New Order in the Middle East, Washington needed to mobilize the entire population for a series of sequential wars against the anti-imperialist, anti-Israeli countries of the Middle East and beyond. To target the multitude of Israeli adversaries, American Zionists invented the notion of a "Global War on Terrorism". The existing climate of national and international opinion was decidedly hostile to the idea of fighting sequential wars, let alone blindly following zealous Zionist extremists. Sacrificing American lives for Israeli power and the Zionist fantasy of a US-Israeli "Co-Prosperity Sphere" dominating the Middle East could not win public backing in the US, let alone in the rest of the world.

Top policymakers, especially the Zionist elite, nurtured the notion of a fabricated pretext [an event which would shock the US public and Congress into a fearful, irrational and bellicose mood, willing to sacrifice lives and democratic freedoms. To rally the US public behind a military-driven imperial project of invasion and occupation in the Middle East required another Pearl Harbor ]

### **The Terror Bombing: White House and Zionist Complicity**

Every level of the US government was aware that Arab extremists were planning a spectacular armed attack in the United States. The FBI and the CIA had their names and addresses; the President's National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice publicly admitted that the Executive branch knew that a terrorist hijacking would occur...only they had expected, she claimed, a "traditional hijacking" and not the use of "airliners as missiles". The Attorney General John Ashcroft was acutely aware and refused to fly on commercial airliners. Scores of Israeli spies were living blocks away from some of the hijackers in Florida, informing headquarters on their movements. Overseas intelligence agencies, notably in Germany, Russia, Israel and Egypt claimed to have provided information to their US counterparts on the "terrorist plot". The President's office, the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the FBI allowed the attackers to prepare their plans, secure funding, proceed to the airports, board the planes and carry out their attacks...all carrying US visas (mostly issued in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, once a prominent site for processing Arabs to fight in Afghanistan) and with "pilots" who were US-trained. As soon as the terrorists took control of the flights, the Air Force was notified of the hijacking but top leaders "inexplicably" delayed moves to intercept the planes allowing the attackers to reach their objectives...the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The military-driven empire builders and their Zionist allies immediately seized the pretext of a single military



retaliatory attack by non-state terrorists to launch a worldwide military offensive against a laundry list of sovereign nations. Within 24 hours, ultra-Zionist Senator Joseph Lieberman, in a prepared speech, called for the US to attack “Iran, Iraq and Syria” without any proof that any of these nations, all full members of the United Nations, were behind the hijackings. President Bush declared a “Global War on Terror” (GWOT) and launched the invasion of Afghanistan and approved a program of extraterritorial, extrajudicial assassinations, kidnappings and torture throughout the world. Clearly the Administration put into operation a war strategy, publicly advocated and prepared by Zionist ideologues long before 9/11. The President secured nearly unanimous support from Congress for the first Patriot Act, suspending fundamental democratic freedoms at home. He demanded that US client-states and allies implement their own versions of authoritarian anti-terrorist laws to persecute, prosecute and jail any and all opponents of US and Israeli empire building in the Middle East and elsewhere. In other words, September 11, 2001 became the pretext for a virulent and sustained effort to create a new world order centered on a US military-driven empire and a Middle East built around Israeli supremacy.

### **Provocations and Pretexts: the Israeli-US War Against Iran**

The long, unending, costly and losing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan undermined international and national support for the Zionist-promoted New American Century project. US militarists and their advisers and ideologues needed to create a new pretext for the US plans to subdue the Middle East and especially to attack Iran. They turned their propaganda campaign on Iran's legal non-military nuclear energy program and fabricated evidence of Iran's direct military involvement in supporting the Iraqi resistance to US occupation. Without proof they claimed Iran had supplied the weapons, which bombed the American 'Green Zone' in Baghdad. The Israeli lobby argued that Iranian training and weapons had been instrumental in defeating the American-backed Iraqi mercenaries in the major southern city of Basra. Top Zionists in the Treasury Department have organized a worldwide economic boycott against Iran. Israel has secured the support of top Democrat and Republican Congressional leaders for a military attack on Iran. But is Iran's existence a sufficient pretext or will a catastrophic incident be necessary?

### **Conclusion: Provocations and Imperial Wars:**

“Behind every imperial war there is a Great Lie” One of the most important political implications of our discussion of the US government's resort to provocations and deception to launch imperial wars is that the vast majority of the American people are opposed to overseas wars. Government lies at the service of military interventions are necessary to undermine the American public's preference for a foreign policy based on respect for self-determination of nations. The second implication, however, is that the peaceful sentiments of the majority can be quickly overturned by the political elite through deception and provocations, amplified and dramatized through their constant repetition through the unified voice of the mass media. In other words, peaceful American citizens can be transformed into irrational chauvinist militarists through the “propaganda of the deed” where executive authority disguises its own acts of imperial attacks as “defensive” and its opponent's retaliation as unprovoked aggression against a “peace loving” United States.

All of the executive provocations and deceptions are formulated by a Presidential elite but willingly executed by a chain of command involving anywhere from dozens to hundreds of operatives, most of whom knowingly participate in deceiving the public, but rarely ever unmask the illegal project either out of fear, loyalty or blind obedience.

The notion, put forward by upholders of the “integrity” of the war policy, that given such a large number of participants, “someone” would have “leaked” the deception, the systematic provocations and the manipulation of the public, has been demonstrated to be false. At the time of the provocation and the declaration of “war” when Congress unanimously approved “Presidential Authority” to use force, few if any writers or journalists have ever raised serious questions: Executives operating under the mantle of “defending a peaceful country” from “unprovoked treacherous enemies” have always secured the

complicity or silence of peacetime critics who choose to bury their reservations and investigations in a time of “threats to national security”. Few academics, writers or journalists are willing to risk their professional standing, when all the mass media editors and owners, political leaders and their own professional cohorts froth over “standing united with our President in times of unparalleled mortal threat to the nation” as happened in 1941, 1950, 1964 and 2001.

With the exception of World War Two, each of the subsequent wars led to profound civilian political disillusion and even rejection of the fabrications that initially justified the war. Popular disenchantment with war led to a temporary rejection of militarism...until the next “unprovoked” attack and call to arms. Even in the case of the Second World War, there was massive civilian outrage against a large standing army and even large-scale military demonstrations at the end of the war, demanding the GIs return to civilian life. The demobilization occurred despite Government efforts to consolidate a new empire based on occupation of countries in Europe and Asia in the wake of Germany and Japan’s defeat.

The underlying structural reality, which has driven American Presidents to fabricate pretexts for wars, is informed by a military-driven conception of empire. Why did Roosevelt not answer the Japanese imperial economic challenge by increasing the US economic capacity to compete and produce more efficiently, instead of supporting a provocative boycott called by the decaying European colonial powers in Asia? Was it the case that, under capitalism, a depression-ridden, stagnant economy and idle work force could only be mobilized by the state for a military confrontation?

In the case of the US-Korean War, could not the most powerful post-World War US economy look toward exercising influence via investments with a poor, semi-agrarian, devastated, but unified, Korea, as it was able to do in Germany, Japan and elsewhere after the war?

Twenty years after spending hundreds of billions of dollars and suffering 500,000 dead and wounded to conquer Indochina, European, Asian and US capital entered Vietnam peacefully on the invitation of its government, hastening its integration into the world capitalist market via investments and trade.

It is clear that Plato's not-so “noble lie”, as practiced by America’s Imperial Presidents, to deceive their citizens for “higher purposes” has led to the use of bloody and cruel means to achieve grotesque and ignoble ends.

The repetition of fabricated pretexts to engage in imperial wars is embedded in the dual structure of the US political system, a military-driven empire and a broad-based electorate. To pursue the former, it is essential to deceive the latter. Deception is facilitated by the control of mass media whose war propaganda enters every home, office and classroom with the same centrally determined message. The mass media undermine what remains of alternative information flowing from primary and secondary opinion leaders in the communities and erode personal values and ethics. While military-driven empire building has resulted in the killing of millions and the displacement of tens of millions, market-driven empire building imposes its own levy in terms of massive exploitation of labor, land and livelihoods.

As has been the case in the past, when the lies of empire wear thin, public disenchantment sets in, and the repeated cries of “new threats” fail to mobilize opinion. As the continued loss of life and the socio-economic costs erodes the conditions of everyday life, mass media propaganda loses its effectiveness and political opportunities appear. As after WWII, Korea, Indochina and today with Iraq and Afghanistan, a window of political opportunity opens. Mass majorities demand changes in policy, perhaps in structures and certainly an end to the war. Possibilities open for public debate over the imperial system, which constantly reverts to wars and lies and provocations that justify them.

## **Epilogue**

Our telegraphic survey of imperial policy-making refutes the conventional and commonplace notion that the

decision-making process leading up to war is open, public and carried out in accordance with the constitutional rules of a democracy. On the contrary, as is commonplace in many spheres of political, economic, social and cultural life, but especially in questions of war and peace, the key decisions are taken by a small Presidential elite behind closed doors, out of sight, and without consultation and in violation of constitutional provisions. The process of provoking conflict in pursuit of military goals is never raised before the electorate. There are never investigations by independent investigatory committees.

The closed nature of the decision-making process does not detract from the fact that these decisions were public in that they were taken by elected and non-elected public officials in public institutions and directly affected the public. The problem is that the public was kept in the dark about the larger imperial interests that were at stake and the deception that would induce them to blindly submit to the decisions for war. Defenders of the political system are unwilling to confront the authoritarian procedures, the elite fabrications and the unstated imperial goals. Apologists of the military-driven empire builders resort to irrational and pejorative labeling of the critics and skeptics as “conspiracy theorists”. For the most part, prestigious academics conform closely to the rhetoric and fabricated claims of the executors of imperial policy.

Everywhere and at all times, groups, organizations and leaders meet in closed meetings, before going “public”. A minority of policymakers or advocates meet, debate and outline procedures and devise tactics to secure decisions at the “official” meeting. This common practice takes place when any vital decisions are to be taken whether it is at local school boards or in White House meetings. To label the account of small groups of public officials meeting and taking vital decisions in “closed” public meetings (where agendas, procedures and decisions are made prior to formal “open” public meetings) as “conspiracy theorizing” is to deny the normal way in which politics operate. In a word, the “conspiracy” labelers are either ignorant of the most elementary procedures of politics or they are conscious of their role in covering up the abuses of power of today’s state terror merchants.

### **Professor Zelikow: Where do we go from here?**

The key figure in and around the Bush Administration who actively promoted a “new Pearl Harbor” and was at least in part responsible for the policy of complicity with the 9/11 terrorists was Philip Zelikow. Zelikow, a prominent Israel-Firster, is a government academic, whose expertise was in the nebulous area of “catastrophic terrorism” - events which enabled US political leaders to concentrate executive powers and violate constitutional freedoms in pursuit of offensive imperial wars and in developing the “public myth”. Philip Shenon's book, **The Commission: The Uncensored History of the 9/11 Investigation** pinpoints Zelikow's strategic role in the Bush Administration in the lead up to 9/11, the period of “complicit neglect”, in its aftermath, the offensive global war period, and in the government's cover-up of its complicity in the terror attack.

Prior to 9/11, Zelikow provided a “blueprint” for the process of an executive seizing extreme power for global warfare. He outlined a sequence in which a “catastrophic terrorist event” could facilitate the absolute concentration of power, followed by the launching of offensive wars for Israel (as he publicly admitted). In the run-up to 9/11 and the multiple wars, he served as a member of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice's National Security Council transition team (2000-2001), which had intimate knowledge of terrorist plans to seize US commercial flights, as Rice herself publicly admitted (“conventional hijackings” was her term). Zelikow was instrumental in demoting and disabling the counter-terrorism expert Richard Clark from the National Security Council, the one agency tracking the terrorist operation. Between 2001-2003, Zelikow was a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. This was the agency which had failed to follow-up and failed to pursue the key intelligence reports identifying terrorist plans. Zelikow, after playing a major role in undermining intelligence efforts to prevent the terrorist attack, became the principle author of the **2002 National Security Strategy of the United States**, which prescribed Bush's policy of military invasion of Iraq and targeted Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas and other independent Arab and Muslim countries and political entities. Zelikow's “National Security Strategy” paper was the most influential directive shaping the global state terrorist policies of the Bush regime. It also brought US war policies in the closest alignment with the regional military aspirations of the Israeli state since the founding of Israel. Indeed, this was why the former Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu stated at Bar Ilan University that the 9/11 attack and the US invasion of Iraq were “good for Israel” (see Haaretz,

April 16, 2008).

Finally Zelikow, as Bush's personal appointee as the Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission, coordinated the cover-up of the Administration policy of complicity in 9/11 with the Vice President's office. While Zelikow is not considered an academic heavyweight, his ubiquitous role in the design, execution and cover-up of the world-shattering events surrounding 9/11 and its aftermath mark him as one of the most dangerous and destructive political "influentials" in the shaping and launching of Washington's past, present and future catastrophic wars.

James Petras' forthcoming book, **Zionism and US Militarism**, is due from Clarity Press, Atlanta , in August 2008.

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## Full Show: Going Home With Maya Angelou

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Over the years and on several occasions, Bill Moyers interviewed Maya Angelou, the legendary author who died in May. In this first of two programs celebrating her extraordinary life and legacy, Moyers revisits an episode from his 1982 series **Creativity** in which he and Angelou returned to the small town of Stamps, Arkansas, where she spent much of her childhood.

Walking with Moyers, she remembers a place where she was “terribly hurt... and vastly loved.” Stamps, Arkansas, was deeply segregated, and divided by railroad tracks that split the town into black and white.

“This was more or less a no man’s land here... If you were black you never felt really safe when you simply crossed the railroad tracks,” she says. “... And I used to have to walk over here. Oh gosh, I hated it. I had no protection at all over there. I had an idea of protection on this side. I had my grandmother on this side. I had the church, my uncle, and all my people were on this side. So I had an idea of protection, but there I would be all alone and I loathed it, crossing those railroad tracks.”

It was the great writers she read, the music she heard in church, and the scars of racial discrimination in Stamps that guided Angelou toward her passion for writing.

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## Full Show: Maya Angelou on Facing Evil

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In this second of two programs celebrating the life and work of the late Maya Angelou, Bill Moyers revisits a 1988 documentary in which he and Angelou attended a conference on “Facing Evil,” held in the Hill Country of central Texas. Evil was a topic about which Angelou, the victim of childhood rape and virulent racism, had a lot to say.

Rape caused her to retreat into silence for five years, she said, and was “a dire kind of evil, because rape on the body of a young person more often than not introduces cynicism, and there is nothing quite so tragic as a young cynic, because it means the person has gone from knowing nothing to believing nothing. In my case I was saved in that muteness, you see, in the sórdida, I was saved. And I was able to draw from human thought, human disappointments and triumphs, enough to triumph myself.”

She recites the lyrics of a song she wrote for Roberta Flack about Angelou’s crippled Uncle Willie, who made sure she and others knew their lessons and “left for our generation and generations to come a legacy so rich.” She reads from the poetry of African-American poet Paul Laurence Dunbar as well her own: “There in those pleated faces/I see the auction block/The chains and slavery’s coffles/The whip and lash and stock./My fathers speak in voices/That shred my fact and sound/They say, but, sugar, it was our submission/that made your world go round.”

She tells the conference, “We need the courage to create ourselves daily, to be bodacious enough to create ourselves daily — as Christians, as Jews, as Muslims, as thinking, caring, laughing, loving human beings,” she says. I think that the courage to confront evil and turn it by dint of will into something applicable to the development of our evolution, individually and collectively, is exciting, honorable.”

Producer: Lena Shemel. Editor: Sikay Tang.

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## Five Facts that the Israeli Government Would Prefer you did not Know

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1. Binyamin Netanyahu claims to speak for the majority of world Jewry although, in fact, he represents only a minority of Jewish Israelis and Americans – those who support his right-wing, Likud Party. To many others, particularly in Europe, he is considered a US-financed, Zionist rabble-rouser with an extremist political agenda that rejects any Palestinian state and requires the 'transfer' of all indigenous Arabs out of former Palestine.

2. Israeli policies such as the illegal settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem (to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state); the 8 year blockade of essential supplies into Gaza; the mis-labelling of exported fruit and vegetables to Europe and the horrific killing of hundreds of defenceless women and children in Gaza – all have the effect of exacerbating antisemitism around the world. The agenda of the Israeli government against the indigenous Arab population being the primary driver of anti-Jewish feeling both in Europe and globally.

3. Netanyahu is well aware of this link and the detrimental effect of his policies on the security of Jewish communities worldwide, and on public opinion, but he also knows that the greater the increase in antisemitism the more French, British and other Jewish nationals will be forced to sell their homes and reluctantly leave the countries of their birth to seek sanctuary in Israel. This is a key principle of the Netanyahu government agenda that all American, European and diaspora Jews should be 'persuaded' to emigrate to the Israeli state – together with their assets.

4. However, this agenda is also partly supported by millions of evangelist, Christian Zionists in America, who believe in the literal word of the bible and whose goal is for all 14 million Jews in the world to be relocated to the Israeli state where they can be baptised and converted, en masse, into the Christian church! The Israeli government ministers smile knowingly behind their hands as they accept this support – without which their economy would collapse.

5. The Israel lobby in America comprises over a dozen organisations including AIPAC, the primary Zionist political pressure group with links into the White House that heavily influences US foreign policy around the world.

However, for many integrated European Jewish communities, Mr Netanyahu's alleged war crimes in Gaza plus his violent, expansionist agenda with its consequent rise in antisemitism, are very bad news indeed.

The head of UNICEF said yesterday, that 392 children had been killed in the conflict between Israel and Hamas, and that about 370,000 children had been traumatised.

A boycott of academic and trading links with the state of Israel now seems to be inevitable consequence of the atrocities carried out in Gaza.

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