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America's Betrayal Confirmed

9/11: Purpose, Cover-up and Impunity

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“Based on my own research on the collapse of WTC-7, I wholeheartedly support Mr. Davidsson's scholarly efforts to elucidate the facts on the crime of 9/11 that grievously affected domestic and international politics in the 21. century.”

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“9-11 remains an enigma to this day. A proper investigation is still due. This book points to some basic questions and clues meticulously gathered by the author whose similar effort, The Betrayal of India, has exposed the myths fabricated by the Indian authorities over the 26/11 Mumbai terror

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Introduction

The American people were hit hard on 9/11. The perpetrators did not only kill 3,000 people, mostly Americans, bringing tragedy to their families, but provided justifications for restrictions to liberties and endless wars that have affected millions of people worldwide. The American people have paid dearly in money and blood as a result of this horrendous crime. And so have others.

I feel it my duty, as a veteran defender of human rights, to share with my American friends my knowledge and findings about rights and responsibilities ensuing from the crime against humanity committed on 9/11. Victims and their families possess the right to know the unvarnished facts. The U.S. government and its allies bear the moral, political and legal responsibility in establishing the truth about this crime and ensure the identification and conviction of its perpetrators and accomplices.

The victims of 9/11 and the American people have been denied their rights. This book is intended to empower 9/11 victims, their families and ordinary Americans to demand their right to the truth and to justice. If it advances this cause, it has accomplished its purpose.

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For almost two decades the United States and its allies have succeeded in suppressing popular efforts to expose the deceptive account of the events of 11 September 2001 (hereafter 9/11). Attempts to challenge the official account have met with stiff resistance from governments, academia and the media. Researchers who question the official account are vilified, mobbed and fired from their jobs. Yet despite massive and systematic efforts to denigrate such investigative efforts, public awareness is seeping through that the U.S. government and its allies are covering up the facts. The ranks of those who question the official narrative on 9/11 are growing by the year and may possibly cause a political crisis corresponding in vehemence to the doggedness with which the truth is being suppressed today.

The events of 9/11 were a crime against humanity as the term is defined under international criminal law.¹ The crime of 9/11 has been invoked by governments to justify a bombing campaign against one of the poorest nations on earth, Afghanistan, and the erosion of liberties in numerous countries under the pretext of combating terrorism. Yet none of the plotters and participants in the crime of 9/11 have been prosecuted by the United States government. The U.S. government claims that 19 Muslims, inspired or directed by Osama bin Laden, committed that crime and died in the attacks. But the government has produced no evidence that these men even boarded the planes that they allegedly hijacked. Nor did it produce evidence that they possessed the skills, means and motive to execute this crime. As of this writing, the U.S. authorities have failed to formally identify the real perpetrators of 9/11.

Apart from those whose livelihood depends on covering-up the truth (who will not concern us here), many honest people may wonder why 9/11 is relevant to the problems humanity faces today.

It may not be obvious to everyone that major assaults on democracy, the rule of law, human rights and international peace are directly related to the maintenance of the official 9/11 legend. A partial list of such assaults justified by the 9/11 narrative suffices to demonstrate the relevance of revisiting the 9/11 evidence:

- The war against Afghanistan was originally justified by 9/11, and Afghanistan is still occupied by U.S. troops 19 years later.
- Current efforts by the United Nations to extend the counterterrorism ideology to all UN bodies and agencies undermine international law and the reputation and integrity of the organization as a whole.
- The establishment of dystopian mass surveillance by governments is predicated on the supposed need for intelligence services to detect dormant terrorist cells, a claim that relies in turn on the official 9/11 narrative, which falsely claimed that a terrorist cell in Hamburg had prepared the attacks.
- Democratic rights, such as the Right to Information, are being curtailed by the U.S. authorities because of the alleged need of state institutions to keep secrets from potential terrorists.
- A huge industry of fear-mongering has emerged thanks to a counterterrorism ideology based on the 9/11 narrative. Millions of people now earn their living by stoking the fear of terrorism.
- The failure to identify and arrest the mass murderers of 9/11, the deadliest terrorist attack in modern times, presents an ongoing security risk for the American people and for the world.

In writing this book, I was guided by two ethical values: truth and justice. This does not shield me from factual mistakes, the use of unreliable sources or errors in reasoning. Readers, acting as a jury, will ultimately judge whether this book reflects such ethical values. I will be grateful for readers' critical comments.

Numerous excellent books have been written from a critical perspective on the events of 9/11. I wish first to cite two remarkable individuals, who already early on recognized the deceptive nature of the official account of 9/11: Thierry Meyssan, the French director of *voltaire.net*, who published two important eye-openers in 2002 and 2003 that have been translated into 26 languages.² The other is Andreas von Bülow, former German Minister of Research and Technology, who while being a member of the German Bundestag (Parliament) served on the parliamentary committee that supervises German intelligence agencies. Von Bülow made waves in Germany in 2002 after stating in a TV interview that "planning [and executing] the attacks was a master deed, in technical and organizational terms,(...) unthinkable without backing from the secret apparatuses of state and industry."³ He later published a book about the role of secret services in international terrorism.⁴ Both von Bülow and Meyssan were vilified by mainstream media for daring to question the official account of 9/11 and ultimately excluded from media coverage.

David Ray Griffin, who only became a 9/11 skeptic a couple of years after the event, has become the leading scholar in 9/11 critical studies. He has written more than ten books on this subject, each with a different slant. Some of his books focus on particular aspects of 9/11, such as the dereliction of the 9/11 Commission, while others contain a heterogenous collection of articles on important facets of 9/11. His first book, *The New Pearl Harbor*, served and continues to serve as an excellent introduction to critical studies of 9/11. I concur with Professor Richard Falk's assessment of this book:

David Ray Griffin has written an extraordinary book. If carefully read with even just a 30-percent open mind, it is almost certain to change the way we understand the workings of constitutional democracy in the United States at the highest levels of government. (...) It is rare, indeed, that a book has this potential to become a force of history.⁵

Other authors, such as Webster Tarpley,⁶ Michael Ruppert,⁷ Peter Dale Scott,⁸ and David MacGregor,⁹ shed light on covert aspects of U.S. governance that help explain the rationale for the mass-murder of 9/11. These authors contend that there exists a deep and hidden structure ensconced within the official state apparatus of the United States, which wields far greater power than is generally suspected. Their view has been partly vindicated by revelations made in Europe concerning similar structures operating during the Cold War under the name of Stay-Behind Armies or Gladio.¹⁰ Tarpley has also sketched a theory of synthetic terrorism, including a taxonomy of the actors involved. Other authors, including Barrie Zwicker, a veteran 9/11 researcher and producer of one of the best early documentaries on this issue,¹¹ have focussed on the role of media in covering-up the crime of 9/11 and that played by leftist gate-keepers in maintaining the belief in the so-called blow-back theory.¹² Specific aspects of 9/11 have been dealt in depth by several authors. Rowland Morgan, for example, provides an excellent critical analysis of the facts and myths surrounding flight UA93.¹³ Political scientist Nafeez Mosaddeq Ahmed provided a fresh and critical evaluation of the al-Qaeda network and its covert links to Western intelligence agencies.¹⁴ Aidan Monaghan has elicited important information by persistently and judiciously using Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests.¹⁵

I wish to give also credit to four bloggers, who remain largely unknown but whose contributions to 9/11 truth have been original, relevant and significant: Aidan Monaghan, killtown, shoestring and Woody Box (the last three being pseudonyms). I am deeply indebted to their groundbreaking research. My sincere thanks also go to Dr. Ansgar Schneider of Bonn, Germany, for having meticulously reviewed the original manuscript and recommended numerous improvements, to Dr. Michael Morrissey, who critically reviewed the manuscript both regarding contents and language and to Dr. Pétur Knútsson of the University of Iceland for his critical comments and encouragement. Any remaining errors are mine. I also thank the numerous journalists, who wittingly or unwittingly revealed facts that help to better understand the complex 9/11 operation. I wish finally to acknowledge the excellent work of the international review panel investigation, summarized in the recent book 9/11 Unmasked. It represents the consensus of 23 eminent scholars regarding many of the aspects of 9/11 that are also discussed in that book.

In this book I argue that the official narrative of 9/11, resting on a hijacking scenario, is pure fiction, or more accurately the most successful deception in known history in terms of the number of deceived people. The success of this propaganda operation is not due to the compelling nature of the official narrative, but to the systematic manipulation of the public on and after 9/11 by official sources and the media despite the factual implausibility of that narrative. An open mind, however, can easily see through the deception, as I hope to show.

Some readers may wonder why I do not discuss here the alleged role of Osama bin Laden in the attacks, if only to refute the claim of his responsibility. As will be shown, even the U.S. authorities did not accuse and charge him for 9/11. Accordingly, examining his verbal output would serve no purpose in this study.

Readers may wish to know who, in my opinion, perpetrated the crime of 9/11. I leave this question to other authors. One author, Kevin Ryan, has already made a substantial contribution in this direction with his recent book *Another Nineteen: Investigating Legitimate 9/11 Suspects*.

This book is organized in a modular manner which is designed to serve as a reference work on 9/11 for journalists, politicians, lawyers, researchers and libraries. Unlike most books and articles on this subject, which merely include links to internet sources – often no longer available – I have taken pains to provide easy and permanent access to most source documents by posting them on my personal website. This allows readers to easily verify the accuracy and relevancy of the facts that I present.

The modular structure of the book means that the chapters can be read in any sequence. Each chapter provides independent evidence substantiating the charge of a government cover-up and/or complicity in the crime of 9/11. This modular architecture provides not only for structural clarity but strengthens the overall conclusion.

Some Methodological Observations

The overwhelming majority of sources for this study consists of (1) official documents, i.e., statements issued by the U.S. government, its agencies, officials, members of Congress, courts and private entities acting at the behest of government authorities; (2) reports from mainstream media. Some credible monographs and blogs are also cited.

Anyone attempting to investigate suspected government malfeasance is engaging in intelligence analysis, namely sifting large amounts of data, including deceptive data to discover what is relevant. James R. Schlesinger, who has been the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Director of Central Intelligence, and chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, explained to a Congressional Committee in 2004 the difficulties facing intelligence analysis:

Intelligence targets naturally seek to conceal what they are doing, and have a strong tendency to mislead you. A central problem in intelligence is to discern the true signals¹⁶ amidst the noise. The relevant signals may be very weak...Moreover, false signals are deliberately planted.¹⁷

As will be noted throughout this book, even a cursory examination of the 9/11 case reveals a bewildering number of anomalies, contradictions and unanswered questions that in the language of intelligence analysis may amount to “noise.” I have aimed, to the best of my ability, to draw a distinction between noise and significant information.

In mathematics, we solve equations with one or several unknowns by various mathematical operations. The solution may be a single number or a set of numbers. When attempting to solve a criminal mystery, we also use formal operations to discover the unknowns. These operations include deduction, induction, tests of logical coherence, tests of reliability and plausibility, sensitivity tests, Occam’s razor, etc. Where major pieces of evidence are either inaccessible or have been destroyed, the solution to a criminal mystery may not yield a precise answer, but can provide an approximation, adequate for practical purposes. As will be shown herein, the mass murder of 9/11 may never be solved to a degree of precision sufficient for the criminal conviction of any individual. However, it can be solved to an adequate degree of precision for questioning the legitimacy of the institutions which have prevented the establishment of the truth about 9/11.

A Practical Note for Readers

Following an endnote, the reader will find in many cases a number preceded by the #-sign or the =-sign. These numbers refer to the document cached on my personal website. For document numbers

preceded by #, their URL is <www.aldeilis.net/fake/XXX.pdf>. For document numbers preceded by =, their URL is <www.aldeilis.net/fake/XXX.pdf>. 'XXX' is the 3- or 4-digit number.

The Memoranda For the Record (MFR's) and FBI 302 forms referred to in this book are found, for the most part, in the 9/11 Commission Records stored at the National Archives (NARA) [see <www.archives.gov/research/9-11>]. Where a document lacks an MFR or 302 serial number, its location (Team and Box number) will be provided to expedite the reader's access to the document.

Endnotes

1. "For the purpose of [the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court], crime against humanity means any of the following acts when committed as part of a [...] systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack: (a) Murder (...) (i) Enforced disappearance of persons; (...)."
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11. Barrie Zwicker, *The Great Conspiracy: The 9/11 News Special You Never Saw* (2004) [DVD]
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16. By the term "signals" the speaker is evidently not referring to a limited technical meaning, as in "electronic signals" but to the informational value of any data item, regardless of the form in which it is obtained.

17. James R. Schlesinger, in "Hearings before the Committee on Armed Services", United States Senate, 16 and 17 August 2004, p. 6, #2474



Chapter 17: The revolutionary potential of 9/11 truth

(1) An unprecedented propaganda coup

When the sun rose on New York and Washington on 11 September 2001, the official legend of 9/11 lay ready to be promoted worldwide: Osama bin Laden had been readied for over three years to become the main suspect (although he was never formally accused for 9/11); the war against Afghanistan had been prepared long before 9/11; the FBI raided within hours a bar in Florida, because it knew that the “pious” Mohamed Atta had been there a few days earlier to get drunk. The U.S. Congress was made to confirm the official legend within 24 hours and give the President a green light to attack foreign countries.

While this report concentrates on the forensic aspects of 9/11, I think we need to address a far larger picture, including the facility with which virtually the entire world was deluded within hours to believe in what can be designated as a surreal tale. For the official 9/11 narrative — had it not been systematically and intensively promoted by all major media as “news” — could have been taken as the synopsis of a book on religious miracles:

Nineteen young and pious Muslims with short knives succeeded to hijack within minutes of each other four Boeing 757 and 767 airliners and maintain all forty to eighty passengers and crew in each plane docile as sheep. To do so, they first slashed the throats of passengers and flight attendants without anyone noticing. They then sneaked unobserved into the cockpits and silently massacred the pilots and copilots, who did not fight back. The pilots among the terrorists, who had previously trained on single-engine Cessnas, sitting in a pool of blood, found their way to their targets, hundreds of miles away, by looking out of the window. Allah, who heard their prayers, ensured to them a sunny day. Their very religious team leader, the one and only Mohamed Atta, who four days previously got drunk in a Florida bar, managed to hit the North Tower of the WTC, a building only slightly wider than the wingspan of his aircraft, at 500 mph. He accomplished what non-Muslim pilots found difficult to repeat on a simulator, and thus proved what deep faith can accomplish. Allah also ensured the confusion of U.S. air defenses and that President Bush would dawdle in a classroom while America was attacked. The great Usama bin Laden later said that, thank to Allah, the consequences of 9/11, which surpassed all human expectations and measures, included the miraculous collapses of the Twin Towers and of WTC Nr. 7.¹ He thus summed it up: “God has struck America at its Achilles heel and destroyed its greatest buildings.”²

The readiness of wide sections of Western society to swallow this legend hook, line and sinker, is difficult to comprehend. Yet it is an undeniable historical fact and it cries out for an explanation.

The grisly television spectacle included scenes of people jumping from the burning floors to their deaths and apocalyptic scenes of collapsing skyscrapers. In order to cause the requisite mental trauma, it was necessary to destroy the Twin Towers while everyone was glued to the television. Timing was a crucial ingredient in this carefully staged and coordinated operation. The plotters designed the horror show to last about 100 minutes, the duration of an average feature film. Indeed, some commentators actually compared the events to a grand spectacle.

The dramaturgists of 9/11 correctly designed the events, played out in real time on television, to unite the American people and rally them behind the president. These effects were duly observed and commented

on by journalists early on. Caryn James, for example, writing in *The New York Times* on 13 September 2001, observed that

television does for the national psyche what wakes and funerals do in personal situations... That communal function is a crucial today as it was when John F. Kennedy was assassinated... A similar pattern united the country after the Oklahoma City bombing and the shootings at Columbine High School...[A]s the images [of 9/11] were replayed and the conversations continued, the reality sank in.³

The role of the media in promoting the official account of 9/11 is by now notorious.⁴ Today's mass media are increasingly perceived by the public as weapons of mass deception.⁵ Since 1998, when Western media began to nurture the reputation of Osama bin Laden as "enemy no. 1" of Western civilization, and particularly since 2001, mainstream publications have spent substantial resources, both in time and money, to promote the fear of Islamic terrorism, and continue to do so.⁶ Jack Leslie, chairman of the one the largest P/R agencies — Weber Shandwick Worldwide — said in Hearings before the U.S. House International Relations Committee after 9/11: "There has been no greater challenge for communications professionals in my lifetime that (sic) explaining the importance of the war on terrorism."⁷ Indeed, in the light of the fact that more people die by snake bites than in terrorist attacks, selling the "war on terror" represents a real challenge for P/R professionals!

(2) The dereliction of academia

I parsed a random sample of approximately 100 articles published after 9/11 in English-language law journals about terrorism-related issues. None of the authors of these articles questioned the official myth of 9/11 or the claim that terrorism represents a serious threat to world peace or to the security of Western nations.⁸ None of the authors provided evidence or references to substantiate these two legends. These omissions appear to affect virtually all academic publications that refer to 9/11. It is no exaggeration to say that nearly the entire academic community, worldwide, has espoused these two myths and lent them a scientific garb in academic literature. Academic journals systematically refuse contributions that question the official account of 9/11.

Yet failing to substantiate factual claims is regarded in the academic world as bad science. When such carelessness is as massive and systematic as it is in the case of 9/11, it transcends individual failure. This massive dereliction of all principles and norms of scientific procedures by the vast majority of tenured academics with regard to 9/11 may be regarded as a symptom of a fundamental civilizational crisis.

Attempts to engage so-called terrorism experts in a serious debate about the events of 9/11 have repeatedly and consistently failed.

(3) The dereliction of the Left

Liberals and leftists in Western societies also avoid dealing factually with 9/11, although doing so would help them oppose wars and the erosion of the rule of law and human rights.

While the failure of academics to question the official account of 9/11 may be attributed to fear of ruining one's career or of losing government or corporate funding, that of the established Left is based on other considerations. Leftist writers have largely tried to explain the events of 9/11 as retribution by Muslim

warriors against U.S. foreign policies. Attacks such as 9/11 are designated by leftist authors as “blowback.”⁹ Typical in this respect is former U.K. member of parliament George Galloway, who ten years after 9/11 said that “the planes didn’t come out of a clear sky but emerged from the swamp of hatred the west had sown over many years [among Muslims]” and that “our role in the Palestinian catastrophe and the propping up of the dictators who ruled almost all of the Muslim world [were] the twin reasons that some enraged Muslims were being drawn to bin Laden.”¹⁰

While the “blowback” explanation appeals to leftists — who may relish that “someone” is finally retaliating against the hated Empire — it constitutes deplorable wishful thinking. According to this view, the most successful opposition to U.S. imperialism is spearheaded by fanatic Muslims who enjoy beheading their chosen enemies on camera. The fact that the United States has for decades supported the most reactionary Islamic regimes as a bulwark against socialism and national independence appears to have been forgotten by these leftists.

When the U.S. aggression against Afghanistan was debated in European parliaments in 2001, no leftist fraction demanded hard evidence that Afghanistan had anything to do with 9/11. Leftists who had formerly opposed the Vietnam War and various U.S. acts of aggression suddenly believed the White House, as if the U.S. government had suddenly become the fountain of truth and honesty.

This failure to ask questions about 9/11 did not stop in 2001. Despite the publication of serious critical literature and the growth of the 9/11 truth movement, leftist organizations remain firmly committed to the canard of an Islamic terrorist operation and obstinate in their refusal to learn about 9/11. The usual justifications for not dealing with 9/11 are either that questioning the official account amounts to a “conspiracy theory,” or that 9/11 has lost its immediate relevance. Such answers do not explain, however, their doggedness in remaining ignorant about 9/11, and their frequent efforts to slander the 9/11 truth movement.

Indeed, some prominent leftist publications did not content themselves with simply ignoring 9/11. The Nation (U.S.)¹¹, CounterPunch (U.S.)¹², The Progressive (U.S.)¹³ and Le Monde Diplomatique (France)¹⁴ have slandered respectable citizens who question the official account of 9/11 as loonies or conspiracists. Among the methods used to slander the 9/11 truth movement, are attempts to link 9/11 skepticism with Holocaust Denial, when in fact the opposite would be nearer the truth. The overwhelming majority of those who reject the official narrative of 9/11 are known to oppose war and racism and support justice. They investigate 9/11 because of their sense of civic responsibility. Among these are hundreds, if not thousands, of personalities from the fields of the humanities, science and government. Some are pilots and former military and intelligence officials.¹⁵ The attacks on 9/11 truth research by leftist organizations and publications is an outright betrayal of solidarity with victims of state terrorism.

The probable reason for the Left to avoid dealing with 9/11 appears to be the hope of leftists to join the fold of “the Establishment” and enjoy the material and psychological benefits of being tolerated by the ruling class. Some organizations bearing leftist titles are already among recipients of foundation grants or of government largesse that might be endangered if they questioned the official account of 9/11.¹⁶

(4) A superfluous and futile demand

In 2004, the 9/11 Commission issued its Final Report. While initially hailed as a breakthrough, it is today widely recognized as having been a whitewash.¹⁷ This was even acknowledged belatedly by the chairman of the Commission, Thomas H. Keane, and his vice-chairman Lee Hamilton, who admitted in their joint

book Without Precedent that the Commission was “set up to fail,” that it was seriously misled by senior officials of the Pentagon and that it was not given access to crucial data, such as transcripts of interrogations of 9/11 suspects.¹⁸

In an attempt to appear reasonable and responsible, militants of the 9/11 truth movement demand, therefore, a new, independent investigation of 9/11.¹⁹ This legitimate demand is largely supported within the movement. But is a new investigation of 9/11 necessary? And is it at all feasible?

(a) Is a new investigation of 9/11 necessary?

Those who consider a new 9/11 investigation necessary may believe that existing evidence is not sufficient to reject the official account and to consider the U.S. government as the main suspect in the crime. Investigations carried out by volunteer citizens since 2001 have, however, assembled reams of evidence establishing probable cause for considering the U.S. government as the main suspect for 9/11. If criminal law could be enforced, such evidence would suffice to issue arrest warrants against suspects among U.S. officials, subpoena documents and force depositions.

The main value of demanding a new, independent investigation of 9/11 appears educational. Individuals unfamiliar with 9/11 and not yet convinced of U.S. government complicity may agree to support the demand for such an investigation if they believe that a truly independent investigation is feasible. But is it?

(b) Is an independent investigation of 9/11 feasible?

It has been suggested in this report and elsewhere that the main suspects for the mass murder 9/11 are leading U.S. officials. One can safely presume that those who conceived, planned and carried out the mass murder of 9/11 did not do so to satisfy their personal whims. Whoever authorized the mass murder of 9/11 did so, obviously, as part of a long-term strategy consensually adopted in the 1990s by the political elite (discussed in Chapter 1). The operation was designed to wake up the American people (and more generally the Western public) from its complacency and whip up active support for the Project for the New American Century, in which the United States would reign supreme and lead the world to serve the interests of the ruling oligarchy.

Had the crime of 9/11 been carried out by rogue elements of the U.S. government or by a foreign state against the real interests of the ruling class of the United States and its allies, the plotters and perpetrators would have been exposed and punished long ago. This has not been the case. On the contrary, all ruling institutions — the political class, mass media, the judiciary and big business — have colluded since the attacks in covering up the crime. They will hardly allow an independent investigation that might undermine their interests and incriminate their own people in mass-murder.

It is equally moot — and for similar reasons — to expect governments allied to or dependent upon the U.S., to propose within the United Nations an independent investigation of 9/11. Even if most UN members could be convinced to demand such an investigation, a U.N. Commission of Inquiry would not be allowed to enter the United States, let alone to interrogate U.S. public officials and subpoena official American documents. Recall that the Security Council of the United Nations itself endorsed the official legend of 9/11 on 12 September 2001 without asking or obtaining any evidence in support of this legend.²⁰ One can

hardly expect the Council to admit having acted improperly, unless the world community has decided to effect regime change within the United States.

The current global political order is not conducive for establishing the truth about 9/11. Even great powers such as Russia and China, who are no U.S. allies, have until now refrained from exposing the 9/11 lies. The mass media, parliaments and governments worldwide have failed to demand evidence from the United States to prove its allegations regarding 9/11. The extent and effectiveness of the deception with regard to 9/11, carried out by the entire political elite of the world, has no historical precedent. It is unrealistic to expect those who have participated in this systematic deception or who gain by it to admit their dishonesty.

(5) The revolutionary potential of 9/11 truth

The quest for truth about 9/11 demonstrates, perhaps better than any other contemporary issue, the limits of parliamentary and judicial remedies in cases of high state criminality. Those who have recognized that 9/11 was a state crime will sooner or later discover that they cannot rely on established procedures to achieve justice. Existing political, financial and military institutions have become so entwined with those of the U.S. regime that a break with that regime may be dreaded by those who depend on these institutions as an existential threat to their own privileges.

In Hollywood movies political crimes are committed by a small circle of rogue government elements. At the end, honest government leaders clean out the mess and restore democracy. But reality is different. Political crimes, such as 9/11 and similar operations, are not carried out to serve individual greed, but because they are the natural outcome of an imperial strategy that required the creation of a new epochal enemy and the perpetration of a traumatic, catalyzing event. For advancing this strategy it is sometimes necessary to sacrifice thousands of "one's own citizens." This brutal nexus was demonstrated in Chapter 1.

The attacks of 9/11 and subsequent attacks which followed a similar pattern (with the alleged Islamic perpetrators dead) serve to maintain a global counterterrorism hysteria that serves many governments. In the garb of combating terrorism, governments institute arbitrary rule, reduce government accountability and justify the surveillance of their populations. Their final aim, as a service to the ruling minority, is to hollow out democracy, leaving only a façade. An entire security industry with a turnover of over \$400 billion a year emerged since 2001 and thrives off the terrorism hysteria. Some governments use also the counterterrorism ideology to justify their foreign military interventions and threaten world peace.

But truth has the tendency to seep through. The truth about 9/11 may be regarded as the Achilles heel of the ruling oligarchies, because they have no defense available. The quest for the truth on 9/11 can, therefore, help empower and unite all those who cherish freedom, social justice and peace to act for a system change.

If this book has contributed to awareness of the liberating potential of 9/11 truth, it will have served its purpose.

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