

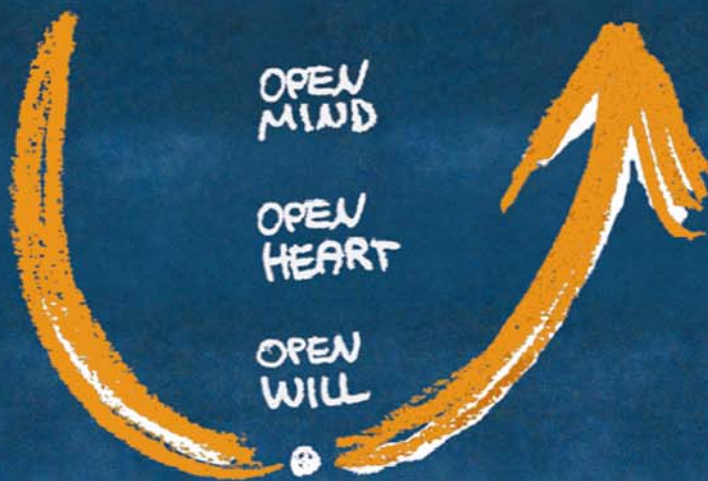
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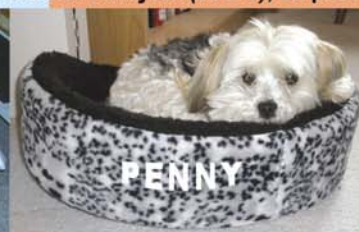
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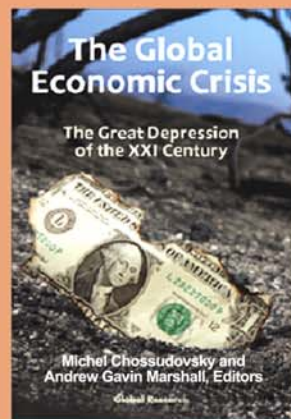
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A word from the publisher and editor...



This issue of *dialogue* evolved through many incarnations before it was willing to be sent off to our printer! There is so much clamour, chaos, and confusion swirling about our world, that it is a challenge to “give everyone their say” while also selecting and blending ideas that may not only inform us, but also inspire us and point the way to new synergies and solutions. What is the value of all the ‘bad news’ and ‘dire warnings’ unless we can at least glimpse the possibilities for weaving a brighter future? This is the question that eventually inspired the cover of this issue. And you will find a wide sampling of “alternative perspectives” in this issue, in addition to the many alarming exposés about the decline – many would say demise – of democracy, justice and quality of life in Canada and around the world. Although several new articles come “from away” – ideas respect no borders! And though some ideas always seem outlandish to us at first, we hope you will take time to ponder – and perhaps find inspiring links or synchronicities between familiar and novel ideas.

Another consequence of the slow *birthing* of this issue is its tardiness (*again!*). As a result, this issue is the last one that can be produced before Christmas; we will start the new year with the January-February 2011 issue (with the deadline moving to November 30th). Although this issue was printed during the week of Oct. 25th, it will be well into November when you receive it, due to ever-increasing postal delays (especially for small publications that do not have the sophisticated mail preparation software preferred by Canada Post).

You will soon be receiving a reminder in the mail about **Christmas Gift Subscriptions**. When you give someone a *Dialogue Gift Subscription*, you are giving the opportunity to participate, by sharing their own ideas in whatever way they wish (letters, stories, photos, poetry, memories, recipes, jokes, etc.) and you are also helping to widen the network of readers and writers and to encourage the continued exchange of ideas and the expression of free thought across Canada. This edition is the one that will be sent with a decorative letter (including your personal message) to everyone lucky enough to receive a *Gift Subscription to dialogue from you!* As Gifts purchased in December have become an invaluable part of keeping the magazine viable, we are again happy to offer a **SPECIAL PRICE of \$25 for Gift Subscriptions purchased until the end of 2010. [You can also send a 6-month Gift for \$15 – or a single issue for \$6 (“stocking stuffer”)?! ~ See P. 58 for details.]**

It is more important than ever for people to understand what is going on – in communities across our country and around the world – and to have a way to connect with others and to share ideas... *dialogue* provides these opportunities.

Thank you for your encouragement, as we continue through our 24th year. Your Gift Subscriptions and Donations at this time of year are a VERY important part of keeping the magazine alive! *Dialogue* is an independent, volunteer-produced, not-for-profit publication and has always relied on the donations of its readers to survive. Without your support and your voices, there would be no *dialogue*! **Thank you. And Christmas Blessings to All.**

Maurice, volunteer publisher *Janet*, volunteer editor/layout
...and Penny, of course!

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Canadian Politics

Eliminate political parties to give voters greater control

Peter Whitebone, Saint John NB

I agree with Douglas Eidt in the N.B. Telegraph Journal (<http://tinyurl.com/TJ1230922>): our party system of government is not for the good of the people!

To be elected political parties have to make numerous expensive promises no matter the state of the economy. Political parties also have to kowtow to vocal groups, and businesses and individuals that financially support them! Members of a political party know it is in their interest if to obey their party rather than the wishes of their constituents. All that voters can do is kick the member out, whereas the party can reward them with a high paying, pencil-sharpening position or even a senate seat!

Proportional representation is better than what we have now, but the elimination of political parties would give voters greater control, particularly over finances. I don't even see the need for a premier! A candidate would require a fairly large number of constituents to sign their support to ensure they were serious and had support! All candidates would be limited to a specific election expenses provided by the government!

Most people don't realize that taxpayers already provide political parties with a lot of their finances! To encourage people to vote they should be issued say a \$500 tax deduction which would be easy to do in this computer age and since a voters list is already kept! It sounds like a big expenses but at present the only deduction that amounts to anything is deduction of money given to political parties! ♣

Gun Registry puts police at risk

Bud Pfaff, Peterborough ON

Contrary to naive, law abiding 'boy scout' beliefs of Police Chiefs that all Federal Government information is secure, there is evidence everything is for sale at a price and in this regard, the long gun registry puts police at risk and should be immediately abolished. Some examples: Shortly after it was initiated, a Toronto paper reported gun registry info being sold to motorcycle gangs. During the infamous, vote buying Insulation program, application forms essential to contractor receivables were sold out the back door for \$3.00. During the UFFI corrective program, out-of-town contractors, who paid \$10,000 for a secret list of UFFI homes, did all Peterborough jobs during final years. And the Queen's medical records were found in a public trash can, much like the recent discovery of thousands of personal health records left at the old Peterborough hospital.

Also, the Gun Registry cannot be kept up to date and can give officers reasons to be over confident and drop their guard, like the four RCMP officers shot, out west. Registered guns kill as effectively as non-registered guns. The Registry wastes funds that could boost the number of officers, providing better protection for all. ♣

G20 protester arrested for 3rd time

Alert from Canadian Civil Liberties Assoc.

Toronto Star: Alex Hundert, a G20 protester who seems to be getting a disproportionate amount of police attention, was arrested again on (Oct 23). This is the third time Hundert has been arrested since the G20. His family and lawyer didn't wish to discuss the charges before a court date this week and police would not give out the charge information. Hundert is currently under bail conditions labelled "astonishing" by Osgoode Hall law professor Alan Young... [From S. McDowall]

READ ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/TS880418> ♣

The long-form census debate

[ED. NOTE] Notwithstanding the well-known fact that "statistics" can be manipulated to support any number of dubious objectives, the controversy over the Long-form Census questionnaire raises many serious questions that go far beyond whether some minority or special interest group can prove its need for financial aid. The loss of the long-form census will not stop statistics from being used to manipulate public policy; on the contrary, it will make it easier for politicians to advance their pet projects. It will also increase their reliance on private polling companies, where slanted, 'leading' and misleading questions are legendary.

On his blog, **Canadian Daily Digest**, Joe Hueglin has gathered many commentaries on the subject. Ironically, October 20, 2010 was World Statistics Day, "The United Nations' first worldwide celebration of statistics" – honouring "reliably collected statistics."

Questions about the long form

Joe Hueglin, Niagara Falls ON, Oct. 20, 2010

[EXTRACT] Why was the census mandatory long form wiped out? Does the reason stated justify information being lost? Discussing the Census is not exciting, but it's needed for, as you will read, much will be lost should there not be a reversal of policy. At times, and this is one, party rank and file must consider shifting the role they play. Rather than the usual game of *Follow the Leader*, they must press their Leader to follow others' opinions. As always, each of us determines our own course of action. Weigh well the weight in society of those valuing the information that will no longer be available.

ONLINE: <http://cdndailydigest.blogspot.com/> ♣

Bill C-52 > Bill C-6 > Bill C-36: PROMISING SAFETY AT THE PRICE OF EXTENDING EXECUTIVE POWERS

From Joe Hueglin: For once there is agreement in the House of Commons, **MPs to fast-track consumer safety measures.** "But it could be law by the holiday season, with MPs from all parties agreeing to speed up the process, skipping witness testimony and going straight to a clause-by-clause review." [Ottawa Sun, Oct 22, 2010] READ AT: <http://tinyurl.com/OSfastrackC36> ♣

C-36, CETA greatest threats

Dee Nicholson, Toronto ON

[EXTRACT]... Our threat is CETA – the **Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement**, because they already have guidelines which were implemented in 2005. CETA can force these guidelines down our throat because trade agreements supersede our courts and our laws - for the sake of "free trade". Bill C-36 has a "subject to the dictates of foreign governments" clause in it that nobody wants to talk about, but gosh, ain't it funny that (U.S. Senate bill) S510* has the same clause in it, and both open the door to trade group control, ergo, (we) need to realize that if we cannot stop C-36 and that clause, and stop our slide into complete foreign control, every last vestige of our democracy will be usurped... by trade group. I have been screaming about this for ten years. Only now are people beginning to see the light, and only because they see Harper confirming it on YouTube... ♣
[MORE ON C-36, P.6-8]

Equal treatment for all provinces

From: Kenneth T. Tellis, Mississauga ON

To: The Honourable Danny Williams,
Premier of Newfoundland & Labrador

I read this morning about your luncheon address to the St. John's Board of Trade in which you denounced Quebec's opposition to Newfoundland's bid for federal funding to build a power transmission line from Labrador to Nova Scotia to potentially sell Labrador-generated power to the Maritimes and New England.

You are right on the money when you say Quebec is guilty of HIGHWAY ROBBERY, because this is another ploy by Quebec to stop Newfoundland and Labrador from getting out of the rut of literally being robbed by Quebec once more with the proposed Lower Churchill project. Having robbed Newfoundland & Labrador for such a long time of its Hydro-Electric power at bargain basement prices, it wants to continue its exploitation unabated and reap the benefits that your province has to offer without having to chip in any money.

Remember that Quebec continues to exploit not just Newfoundland & Labrador, but the whole of Canada for its own benefit. Now Quebec expects that federal government of Canada foot \$200 million towards the building of a giant hockey arena in Quebec City ... It's time to tell Quebec's Jean Charest where to get off, on his grandiose plans for his province, because Canada can no more afford to give Quebec special treatment as the Mulroney regime did in 1986.

If Quebec wants a new GIANT HOCKEY ARENA, let them foot the bill, and not ask the federal government to give them special status when it comes to funding. All Canadian provinces should get EQUAL TREATMENT, with no special provisos for Quebec. It's time to put an end to the demands being made by the Quebecois, and tell them to build a smaller version of their arena, one that they can afford to for by themselves. ♣

"Prévoyance"

Canada Pension Plan: Investment Board continues its risky behaviour

Latest CPP IB investment/takeover:
Tomkins PLC - US\$5.0 Billion

Erik Andersen, Gabriola BC

A friend brought the latest CPP IB takeover to my attention today. It is in keeping with their recent record as it was done at a 40% premium to market value. This demonstrates yet again they are only able to make investments if they pay market premiums. Worse still, it is with borrowed money which means they must see about a 5% annual return just to be even. Debt is a certainty but the earnings of Tomkins are not.

Stanford University recently prepared an outlook for equity returns for CALPERS. By their work they projected an annual return rate to be 4.2% which is close to the 10 year average rate of return for the CPP Fund, as presented by letter from Minister Flaherty.

Does no one care enough in Ottawa to see the trouble ahead for 16 million beneficiaries as the CPP IB continues to borrow and speculate? ♣

Official release: <http://tinyurl.com/CPPIBtomkins> -

Onex and CPPIB Complete US\$5.0 Billion Acquisition of Tomkins plc. "Tomkins is an industrial holding company that operates a number of businesses serving the general industrial, automotive and construction markets around the globe."

A question to MPs re Canada's fiscal practices

From Erik Andersen

To Members of Parliament:

It is over a year since the Minister of Finance sought public input and by recent accounts the financial affairs of Canada have only worsened despite massive deficit spending and other "quantitative" easing measures.

Do you still think you are getting good fiscal advice?

Please take a moment to think ahead as citizens rather than as captives of caucus discipline. Deficit spending has been and will continue to be a losers game. No matter how much you think you can bend reality to your personally customized version it will never happen. The world has massively over-built productive capacity because of the narcotic of unlimited credit. Until this over-capacity is written off, spending to stimulate is like pushing on a string.

The present fiscal practices bring no glory to the government that tries to project a different image to the public. Where are those in parliament willing to say that the government is "wearing no clothes". ♣

[More from Erik on P. 21]

Bureaucratic abuse or political interference?

Madeline Bruce, Nanaimo BC

In response to **'Feds wanted advocate for veterans in hospital'** [Oct. 18, link below]

When there is actual evidence that a person who has received psychiatric care in the past can be targeted for commitment to a mental hospital by bureaucrats, forced to take a doctor who has been chosen by them, and then given a politically ordered diagnosis, it proves that freedom of speech is a dead duck in Canada. Nobody is safe. This is KGB stuff.

One in five people in Canada will suffer some form of mental illness or addiction in their lifetime, so that means you or a family member or a friend. We must learn from history and nip this kind of fascism in the bud and tear it out root and branch. It seems this battle must be fought in

every generation. In the fifties, the Psychiatrist Dr Cameron used psychiatric patients at McGill University Hospital as guinea pigs for brainwashing experiments, in conjunction with the CIA. This was proven in court when patients sued and they were compensated with \$100,000 each.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Care for your brother, or you will be next.

LINK: Advocate's parliamentary appearance followed by call for psychiatric assessment: documents, by David Pugliese, Postmedia News: "Weeks after an Ottawa man appeared before a parliamentary committee to criticize Veterans Affairs' handling of benefits for retired soldiers, department bureaucrats concluded he was "clearly unwell" and worked to have him sent to a hospital for a psychiatric assessment." [...] <http://tinyurl.com/OCbruyea> ♣



Jeremy Arney

"Have Computer - Will Write" **MPs' impotency**

From: Jeremy Arney, Saanichton BC

To: Canadian MPs

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have reached a state here in Canada which has passed all logic into a realm even beyond the dysfunctional.

The House of Commons in the Canadian Parliament is no longer even interested in the views of the people of Canada, nor is it responding to its duties.

It needs not be pointed out that our Prime Minister, even though he dictates from a minority Reform / Alliance coalition government masquerading as a Conservative party to be acceptable to some 33% of the more wealthy Canadians who bother to vote, has totally sold out to the corporations of the world.

The sad part is that there are none of you willing to tell him or your party leaders that enough is enough. Maybe you don't see it or don't want to see it.

A small country called Bolivia showed us that it is possible to recover control of our Parliament from a corporate dictatorship, and that all we need to do is to nationalise you as if you were an asset which heaven knows you are not.

If and when that happens and we start to regain control of our resources by nationalisation instead of them being owned by foreign companies which strip us of all monies made from those resources, and we start to use the Bank of Canada instead of multi national 'compounding interest only' commercial banks; when we cancel all the terrible trade deals and retake our country for the people; provide education, health care and old folks security and aid to starving and sick people around the world, in a totally affordable way, then we will be re-inventing our forefathers' dreams for this country.

Can any one of you honestly look yourselves in the mirror and tell yourselves that you are working for the best interests of your constituents unfettered by absolute party dictates?

If you can, please identify yourself as you may be the backbone of the future government we the people seek. Your leaders have surrendered their souls to the "money men" and must be cast aside like worn out shoes and replaced with leaders who have all the peoples of Canada in the forefront of their hearts and minds and deeds, and to be willing to share what we in this incredible country have with those who have not.

It is possible to have a peaceful, freedom loving country with plenty for everyone and some to spare for those who have not, once we do away with rule by the bottom line mantra of the corporate world. There is plenty of room for profit, but no need for unfettered greed.

Mother earth, all the species who dwell on her, including humans are looking to governments to start the rescue process. Canada is not part of that process but it should be and can be.

Will you be part of the renewal of Canada or are you too enmeshed in the dysfunctionality?

There is a new session of parliament starting soon; please stand up and be counted as a supporter of Canada and all the Canadian People or step down and let someone who can be counted upon take your place.

Reply to The Honourable Leona Alguikka

Thank you for responding to my letter in which I appealed to you to withdraw Bill C-36 as being dangerous to the Health of Canada, and I do appreciate that you took the time to do so.

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I am just a simple man, originally arriving from England in 1967, who has travelled Europe and seen the sights of London, Paris, Rome, Berlin, Geneva, Venice, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Gibraltar, Nice, and even St Tropez, to mention a few. Since coming to Canada, I have, as a truck driver, travelled from San Diego to Fredericton, from The Florida Keys to Hay River, and up the Dempster Highway to the Eagle Plains in the Yukon.

Of all the sights I have seen and places I have been, the most powerful was standing on top of the ridge on the Dempster Highway looking down on snow covered mountains all around me in a temperature I was told was 87 below.

It was as if I was standing on top of the world.

That is where some of the most incredible people in the world call home.

All over this world there are places in which people exist, where food and water is scarce, where the wind blows in mountains and deserts, and simple survival is a constant challenge.

Here in the north of Canada are your people, Ms. Aglukkaq, the guardians of the North in a harsh and unforgiving climate for thousands of years. I have many friends, like artist Jenn Robbins, who have also been up there and have fallen in love with the arctic and the people; who have seen the northern lights, sunrises and sunsets; who have lived with and laughed with the people, have heard their stories and admired their courage, ridden behind their dogs and sung their songs.

People who, over thousands of years, have survived by using community, loving and teaching their children to live with nature not fighting it, telling stories of the beginning, valuing life and the land and what the creator gave them. Not complaining at their lot in life, surviving without all the amenities we have down here in the so-called civilized world.

Your people, Ms. Aglukkaq, who are now in trouble because 'civilized' man has bought them disease, electricity, wooden homes, stoves, alcohol, skidoos and pickups and destroyed their survival skills and teachings.

When I appealed to you I thought I was appealing to a daughter of these people, the mother of a son born to that land. But unfortunately your letter is not from such a person.

I have read this bill and its predecessors over and over and I really do not need a cut and paste, bullet point piece of propaganda Ms. Aglukkaq.

Even your assertions that Health Canada inspectors will be bound by any ethical activity or restrictions is simply not borne out in the wording of the Bill; and terroristic attacks, as if suspected offenders were criminals, will be sanctioned by e-warrants issued by JPs simply on the suspicion of a "reasonably dangerous" consumer product being in any place. (What exactly is reasonably dangerous?). This, in spite of what you write, is in the wording of the Bill with-

out even any of the damning regulations yet to come and flesh it out. One simply has to look at what has happened with the regulations attached to the Food and Drug Act to know that what I am saying is true.

Swat team style attacks with drawn guns terrorizing families is not the Canadian way, and yet that is the Health Canada way now, over harmless but healthy natural foods which have been used for thousands of years with none of the deaths directly attributable to pharmaceutical drugs.

You write about the Department of Justice doing due diligence on this proposed Bill C-36 as if changing the Rule of Law in Canada (guilty until proven innocent and refusing access to a court of law) and allowing foreign governments to make our regulations for us and bypassing our parliament, is in compliance with our Constitution, Bill of Rights and Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

I can assure you that there will be legal challenges if you allow this to go through because your Justice Minister and his Department are as mistaken and corrupted as are their counterparts in the USA. You also mention international law as if it has great control on how we conduct our business here in Canada, and that is only because you are entering into international trade deals that override our own laws, so let's call it what it really is - a give away of Canada's sovereignty. Note I said give away, not even a garage sale.

For this reason our current Prime Minister, Stephen 'I make the rules' Harper, will go down in history as the most divisive and destructive prime minister we ever had, but it will be your name that is attached to the Act that will bring about the destruction of Canada as a sovereign country unable to even make her own laws and regulations.

I am tired from sleepless nights over this whole issue, and am seriously beginning to regret coming to this once fantastic country to have and raise my family.

Jeremy Arney, Victoria BC
CAP candidate for SGI 2008

If you don't like what you see or hear do something about it instead of complaining.

<http://jeremyarneysblog.wordpress.com> ♣

"A Question of Sovereignty"

From Wayne Russell, Clearwater BC

Friends: One day it could be your family forced to sit for over 12 hours, this after armed RCMP officers with drawn guns come through your doors. You then must ask permission for you or your children to go to the washroom or get a drink of water. This has happened twice to my knowledge simply because Health Canada officers thought the families had consumer products not to their liking. This without even a search warrant required. This before this outrageous bill is even in effect. I urge you to read the below. Bill C-36 has passed second reading (& is being "fast-tracked"). =>

Please pass on this press release to everyone you know.

Free documentary (view online)

PRESS RELEASE: 6 October 2010

NEW FILM HIGHLIGHTS WORRISOME LANGUAGE IN RECENT BILLS; HIGHLIGHTS INCREASING THREATS TO CANADA FROM 'FREE TRADE'

Taking aim at what he calls “unconstitutional legislation now before the Canadian Parliament,” international award winning writer/director Kevin P. Miller (*Generation RX*, *The Promised Land*) announces the release of his documentary, **A Question of Sovereignty**.

The film features Constitutional lawyers, members of Parliament, Senators and a cadre of others who examine the far-reaching language encompassed in what has been labelled as “consumer protection” legislation and “anti-

terror” bills. If passed, this legislation would undercut civil liberties and could even threaten Canada's national sovereignty.

While he describes the film as “a patriotic and sentimental” look at Canada, Miller also highlights specific language in Bills C-51, C-52, C-6, Bill C-17, and most recently Bill C-36, to show how free trade deals like NAFTA, membership in the World Trade Organization and other international agreements could circumvent Parliament and imperil Canadian democracy.

A Question of Sovereignty features footage of Canada's political giants, including John G. Diefenbaker, Pierre E. Trudeau, and John N. Turner. It is available for viewing online for free at: <http://vimeo.com/13024940>

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Bill C-36, CETA and Threats to Canadian Sovereignty

Bill C-36: “The Canada Consumer Product Safety Act” / CETA: Canada-EU trade agreement

Canadians are rattled by the slow erosion of democracy

From: The Natural Health Products Protection Association; cc: All Members Of Parliament, Senators, 4 Party Leaders, Minister of Health, Deputy Minister of Health, Sep 20 2010

The latest affront to our freedoms is in Bill C-36: the “Canada Consumer Product Safety Act.”

Without closer examination, you may consider the Bill as being reasonable. We ask that you take the time to read the accompanying material. In it you will find a specific legal opinion written by Shawn Buckley, Canada's only constitutional lawyer called to the 2009 Senate hearings as an expert opposed to the issue. Included are remarks made by Senators in their review of Bill C-6 (former C-36) noting clear violations of civil and Charter rights. Essentially, saying Bill C-36 deprives Canadians of their democracy.

The proposed legislation offends the fundamental principles that our constitution is found on. Granting carte blanche police powers to any ministry without judicial review or recourse is highly objectionable and unnecessary.

We respectfully disagree with Health Minister Leona Aklukkaq's assertion that the Justice Department has found this Bill to be consistent with the Charter of Rights; if that is indeed correct, with the exception of section 40 dealing with interim measures, why is there the need to exempt any other orders made under this Bill from the requirements of the Statutory Instruments Act? Bill C-36 permits inspectors to make orders which take control of private property without Court supervision. The exemption of these orders from review and publication under The Statutory Instruments Act, is extremely troubling. Not only will the Bill permit Health Canada to circumvent the rule of law, they will be able to do it secretly. The public and Members of Parliament will not know what is happening. How does this secrecy protect Canadians?

We are also concerned when the Minister and others repeat the main justification for the Bill, that Health Canada does not have the power to order the recall of dangerous products. We are concerned because of how misleading this is. When the average Canadian hears this, he/she thinks that Health Canada has no power to protect them against dangerous products. This is simply not true. Currently, if there is a dangerous product and the manufacturer will not recall, Health Canada can: seek a Court injunction; obtain a search warrant to seize the product, or issue a Ministerial Order under the Hazardous Products Act. All of these orders are, however, subject to independent Court or Review Board supervision. The only difference between the recall order sought by Health Canada in Bill C-36, and the existing powers is that recall orders will not be subject to independent review, and will be secret (exempted from review and publication under the Statutory Instrument Act). The reason why previous Parliaments have never granted Health Canada a recall power, is that until now, Parliament has been unwilling to allow private property to be controlled without independent supervision and in secrecy.

We are asking you to stand up for democracy, to do your duty as elected representatives of the Canadian public. Read the Bill. Review the expert legal opinion to make a decision that corrects the gross imbalance between the rights of the individual and the rights of the State. Your belief in the democratic principles so eloquently expounded by John Diefenbaker many years ago, demand nothing less.

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46-PAGE DISCUSSION PAPER ON C-36:

<http://www.nhppa.org/images/DiscussionPaperBillC36.pdf> ♣

More Canadian Politics

What happened to democracy?

Leanne Salter, Errington BC

Our economic viability has been purchased by off shore corporations and banking cartels. The integrity of those who have been elected to manage our financial affairs has deteriorated and the truth is obvious every payday. Who still believes that governments are capable of managing our tax dollars? How has our democracy ended up on life support?

Wealth has been diverted from public hands (productive) into private corporate purses (non-productive). The result is a loss of collective economic security. Wars abound in our society not for the welfare of any civilization but for the fundamental profit of the banking system and corporate gain.

In addition, with the removal of the gold standard and introduction of fiat money since 1913, we have moved from a culture of independence – through agriculture, mining and resource management – to extended credit, overarching debt and the depreciation of our economic viability, through off-shore corporate meddling. The removal of the gold standard ensured the rise of the Great Depression.

Governments continue to spend dollars that have been printed on credit backed by faith, hope and expectation that the public won't argue. In turn, the banks roll the debt and charge compounding interest to the tune of trillions of dollars. The whole system remains in place through public trust in fiat currency; and the debt increases.

Allan Greenspan wrote: "In the absence of the gold standard, there is no way to protect savings from confiscation through inflation. ... This is the shabby secret of the welfare statists' tirades against gold. Deficit spending is simply a scheme for the confiscation of wealth. Gold stands in the way of this insidious process. It stands as a protector of property rights. If one grasps this, one has no difficulty in understanding the statists' antagonism toward the gold standard."

Our country cannot repay its debt because of compounding interest and increased "stimulus spending".

Our governments have: cut desperately needed services to the public, given corporations tax cuts, and sold off the resources which could have sustained us. ➔

Now we are in peril of losing our sovereignty. It is clear that Stephen Harper supports global unity, when he stated in a speech in January 2010: "we need to embrace enlightened sovereignty to replace nationalism."

As citizens, we need to address "enlightened sovereign world governance" and re-evaluate our understanding of what the political process is supposed to be. Our political

leaders are supposed to be safeguarding our freedoms, resources and our values. They are supposed to manage the economy on our behalf – not for elitist, corporate, and banking manipulation. Harper goes on to state that Keynesian (stimulus spending) is the way out of economic debt. Borrowing money to apply towards stimulus spending and getting further into debt is the answer? How do we reconcile that Canada should agree to negate our national sovereignty for the good of a global economy?

"I am afraid that the ordinary citizen will not like to be told that the banks can and do create and destroy money. And they who control the credit of a nation direct the policy of governments, and hold in the hollow of their hands the

destiny of the people." Quote by Richard McKenna.

Several European countries tried to persuade Harper to agree to implement a Global Bank Tax in Canada. This tax is to be paid by you and me. The tax dollars would be utilized as insurance against the bank defaulting. So far, Harper has not agreed to this, however other countries have. This is how powerful the banking cartel has become. Banks, and corporations are private enterprise and can influence countries to implement a protection tax which will insure that they will be safeguarded if they make bad economic decisions.

I would imagine my local grocery store would like to get in on that. I expect that all business people recognize the risk they take when running a private enterprise. Banks and corporations should be treated the same. My tax dollars already service an un-repayable debt and the country is enslaved by unrestricted credit. The loss of the gold standard and rise of banking cartels have entrapped us. Only the consumer – you and I can put a stop to this. Democracy cannot exist in a system that is not driven by public discourse.

Henry Ford said "It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning"

It is time for us to take back our independence. This will be no small feat as there will have to be an economic crash before rebuilding can occur. So far, we have been enduring mini crashes which have been halted by government and banking interventions. The inevitable will happen sooner or later. When we, the consumers, decide to quit using credit to purchase goods, the tide will change and we will begin to regain control of our economic and democratic futures.

~ Leanne Salter, Errington BC ♣

Corporate welfare or “trade deal” plunder?

What I noticed most about this is the way the corporate media gave it absolutely zero coverage; clearly this has been under negotiation for months at least, but not a word until the decision is reached, and then it is a one-day story; never to be mentioned again. Canadians would be outraged over this giveaway, if we knew about it, so the role of the media is to make sure it gets not a mention... \$130 million is MORE than the so-called 'sponsorship scandal' that the media used to destroy the Paul Martin government, but when they want to keep things quiet, they are very good at that. - Jack Etkin

“Facts From the Fringe”

Stephen Harper's \$130 Million Chapter 11 Giveaway

By Jim Stanford, Canadian Auto Workers

[Aug 27, 2010] Canada's federal government made an important announcement this week. It was kept deliberately quiet: with a news release issued at 4:45 pm on a calm Tuesday in the middle of the late-summer news “dead zone.” But it should set alarm bells ringing for anyone concerned with the anti-democratic direction of global trade law.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government reached a \$130 million out-of-court settlement with the bankruptcy trustees overseeing the restructuring of AbitibiBowater Inc., a failed forestry and paper giant.

The settlement relates to a claim that Abitibi brought against Canada under NAFTA's notorious Chapter 11 process. This process is a bizarre kangaroo court in which investors from one NAFTA partner (and only investors – normal people aren't allowed in) can sue another NAFTA government for actions which are deemed to break NAFTA's broad investment rights provisions.

If a Chapter 11 tribunal rules against the offending government, it can order damages be paid to the aggrieved investor. In its 15 years in existence, the court has interpreted those investor rights clauses very expansively. Not just outright expropriation is prohibited and subject to penalty. Any measure which is seen to impose an unfair or unjustified burden on the profitability of a company (whether it has anything to do with the nationality of the investor or not) can be considered “tantamount to expropriation,” and hence subject to penalty.

In the AbitibiBowater case, the provincial government of Newfoundland and Labrador (led by feisty Premier ⇒ **Harper's \$130 Million Chapter 11 Giveaway, contd.**

Danny Williams, a Conservative) took back Abitibi's timber and water rights in 2008 when that company abandoned its mill that processed wood from that tract. The company laid off 800 people and destroyed the isolated community

of Grand Falls in the process. Williams' move was both morally and economically justified: he said if AbitibiBowater wasn't going to productively use those rights, someone else should have access to them. The Newfoundland government offered to pay fair value for the real assets (including the plant's hydro dam) caught up in the action, minus expenses for worker severance and environmental clean-up of the company's abandoned facility.

Indeed, today Williams stands by his audacious act, which was hugely popular in Newfoundland. He recently said, “Of the many things that I've done ... in government, this is probably one of the actions that I'm the most proud of.”

But Abitibi, predictably, raised a hue and cry. But they didn't complain to a Canadian court of law: what Williams' government did was unusual, but hardly illegal. Instead, they went straight to NAFTA's kangaroo court. Since NAFTA is an international treaty, it is the federal government who speaks for Canada – even when the claim is directed against a provincial government. Usually these Chapter 11 cases drag on for years. Amazingly, however, Canada's federal officials settled the case out of court this week. They agreed to pay damages of \$130 million, only 6 months after Abitibi formally filed its NAFTA complaint.

There was no “national treatment” aspect to the seizure of Abitibi's rights (it was Abitibi's socially irresponsible actions, not its nationality, that sparked the Newfoundland action). Indeed, Abitibi is functionally headquartered in Montreal, Canada, and is, for most intents and purposes, a Canadian company (its U.S. “identity” merely reflects a Delaware incorporation – no doubt for tax avoidance reasons). This makes it all the more bizarre that it could use the NAFTA process (rather than normal courts) to sue its own government.

There should have been plenty of grounds to fight the case as a dramatic over-reaching of NAFTA's rules (which in theory are supposed to protect one country from discriminating against investors from another country on the basis of their nationality). Even if Canada eventually lost, it could clearly stretch the process out for years. So how do we understand the federal government's utter and premature surrender, not even bothering to try to defend the Newfoundland actions?

READ ARTICLE IN FULL ONLINE:

www.caw.ca/en/9363.htm

P.S. For a full listing of cases filed under NAFTA's Chapter 11, and decisions rendered, please see the excellent compilation prepared by Scott Sinclair of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. <http://tinyurl.com/PAnaftadisputes> Scott is working on an update of this table (which currently includes all cases filed up to 2008), which will be published this fall. ♣

"One Man's Opinion"

Improve Question Period

Bring civility back to Parliament



Ken Clark, Fergus ON

Conservative MP Michael Chong, the MP for my riding, has recently put forward a series of proposals to bring decorum back to Parliament by improving the current format for the Question and Answer Period. I believe there are millions of

Canadians who would also like to see some long overdue improvements to this aspect of Parliament.

The Q&A Period, as presently conducted, certainly shows politicians in general at their absolute worst and lacks any resemblance of professionalism at work. In addition, the lack of control exercised by the Speaker of the House during this period makes mockery of his role. Michael Chong's assessment of the existing problems with this aspect of Parliament are correct in my opinion, even to the inference that its name "Question and Answer Period" is misleading [it is generally referred to Question Period (QP)]; answers are indeed rarely provided to questions posed.

I would like to suggest to Michael Chong that the ability for constituents to submit a meaningful question, directly through their MP, might be included in any improvements considered. The answer to any such question could be relayed to the constituent by his/her MP. In the event that any question, submitted by a constituent, is judged to be improper or unsuitable, then the constituent must be advised accordingly. This suggestion would give credence to the statement that MP's honestly do represent their constituents. It has been passed on to Michael Chong via a letter to the editor in one of our local newspapers. [...]

Canadian Language Legalese

I wonder how many readers of *Dialogue*, or how many Canadians for that matter, are aware of the **Language Rights Support Program (LRSP)**, or the **Official Languages & Bilingualism Institute (OLBI)**. I must admit I was not aware of either the **LRSP** or the **OLBI** until I saw the newspaper advertisement [by zsa.ca -for an Analyst, LRSP], in the Aug. 25, 2010 edition of the National Post.

"The Federal Government announced the creation of the LRSP in June 2008. With its initial \$4.5M budget over three years, the Program stresses a better understanding of linguistic rights through public education. It will focus on mediation and consensus-based decisions to facilitate amicable agreements, and will also provide funding for court proceedings to focus on advancing and clarifying linguistic rights."

"From the start the LRSP was intended to 'be administered by an independent institution that has a broad mandate for service to the public institution,' according to Canadian Heritage, and the University of Ottawa was invited to submit a proposal to

become its managing institution in May, 2009."

"The Program will be financed by a multi-year contribution agreement from Canadian Heritage. The maximum annual funding will be \$1.5M, distributed among the three following components: -Information and Promotion; - Compulsory Mediation; ~ Legal remedies."

"[As of Sept. 9, 2009, the University of Ottawa became the managing institution of the Federal Government's new Language Rights Support Program (LRSP) through a joint partnership between the OLBI and the Faculty of Law.]"

- QUOTED FROM: www.olbi.uottawa.ca/en/padl.php

The **Official Languages Act** was first enacted 40+ years ago, and while the public is not privy to its accumulated cost to date, a vast majority of Canadians believe this figure to be horrendous. Many Canadians do not support the OLA in its implemented form and the Province of Quebec is unilingually French speaking by law. So now we have the Federal Government spending (& planning to spend) many more millions of dollars to further promote the acceptance of the OLA, using tax dollars from Canadians who still consider this legislation to be discriminatory, divisive and far too expensive.

When will enough be enough?

— Ken Clark ♣

Canada is waking up, finally!!!

Kim Lian McConnell, CLF

[October 1, 2010] We, the various groups fighting the Official Languages Act, are finally being vindicated by the articles that have been printed over the last few days at the 10th anniversary of P.E.Trudeau's demise. Lorne Gunter has no qualms about pointing out that Trudeau's legacy is what has created such a divided country out of the fairly harmonious country of Canada. He referred to all the features of Canadian life that have resulted in great unhappiness across the land – the OLA, Multiculturalism, his Charter of Rights that has led to activist judges and groups, a huge increase in our national debt and a national propensity towards socialism that has destroyed the innate independent nature of Canadians.

What I find most encouraging is the fact that mainstream media is finally coming to the conclusion that Trudeau and his attempts to elevate the position of Quebec & the French fact above the rest of the country is the real reason for the disunity within Canada. It has led to the pandering of ONE province and the vote buying that has resulted in huge sums of money being thrown at that province because they control 75 seats, most held by a homogenous culture of French-speakers whose primary concern is the preservation of the French language & culture. The imbalance thus created, politically, economically, culturally, historically and emotionally explains why there is a general malaise in this country where the English-speaking majority have ⇒

resigned themselves to a culture of defeat.

However, we are not defeated yet – not while we have people who continue to pay attention, to speak up & protest and, with the help of an awakening media, spread the word!!! I have included the links to the other columnists on this topic – if you have the time to read their opinions (some for & some against), please do so. There was a very interesting discussion on CFRA this morning between John Robson (History professor at the U. of Ottawa) and Steve Madely about the legacy of Britain (the Magna Carta) and how this has laid the foundation for our concept of Freedom. If you have the time to listen, the link is at the bottom.

LINKS: Chantal Hébert: 10 years on, who will save Trudeau's legacy? [Sep 29 2010]: <http://tinyurl.com/StarHebertTrudeau>

Lorrie Goldstein, QMI Agency. Bribing Quebec corrupts the whole country [Sep 29 2010]: <http://tinyurl.com/SUNgoldstein>

Don Martin: Trudeau, National Post [Sep 28 2010] Trudeau, for better or worse (Kim's note: Don Martin is an apologist for P. E. Trudeau): <http://tinyurl.com/NPmartinTrudeau>

580 CFRA, John Robson & Steve Madely, Oct 1, 2010: www.cfra.com/interviews/default.asp
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Provincial Politics

NB election badly skewed - proposed MMP system would have reflected voters wishes

Sep 28, 2010; Article online at FairVote.ca
<http://tinyurl.com/FVCnb2010>

The New Brunswick election provided yet another example of why the 2004 electoral reform proposal from Bernard Lord's Commission on Legislative Democracy should be adopted, says Fair Vote Canada, a national organization calling for electoral reform across Canada.

"[On Sep. 27th] half of the voters cast votes for the Progressive Conservatives and half for other parties," said Fair Vote Canada Executive Director Larry Gordon. "But the half supporting the Progressive Conservatives will be represented by more than three times as many MLAs – 42 PCs vs. 13 Liberals. The opposition is severely under-represented and the 17% of the electorate supporting parties other than the Progressive Conservatives and Liberals have no representation whatsoever."

If New Brunswick voters had voted the same way, using the Commission's proposed mixed-member proportional (MMP) voting system, Fair Vote Canada calculated that the approximate seat allocation would have mirrored what voters actually said with their ballots.

The figures below show the popular vote for each party, along with the number and percentage of seats under the current voting system and the proposed MMP system.

Progressive Conservatives, popular vote 49% - with MMP, 28 seats (51%) rather than 42 seats (76%).

Liberals, popular vote 34% - with MMP, 18 seats (33%) rather than 13 seats (24%)

NDP with 10% of the popular vote – with MMP, 5 seats (9%) rather than 0 seats

Greens with 5% of the popular vote – with MMP, 3 seats (5%) rather than 0 seats

"While some voters would vote differently under a differ-

ent voting system, this projection illustrates the core problem," said Bronwen Bruch, President of Fair Vote Canada. "With first-past-the-post, voters say one thing with their ballots and get something different. With fair and proportional voting systems, what voters say is what they get."

In 2006, then Premier Bernard Lord promised a referendum on the Commission's proposed mixed-member proportional voting system. Ironically, before a referendum could be held, Premier Lord was defeated in a "wrong winner" election, in which the Progressive Conservatives won more votes, but the voting system gave the Liberals a majority of seats.

Fair Vote Canada (FVC) is a national multi-partisan citizens' campaign to promote voting system reform. FVC was founded in 2001 and has a National Advisory Board of 37 distinguished Canadians from all points on the political spectrum.

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HST "Recall" in BC

Wayne Russell, Clearwater BC

The Harper government is signalling that it intends to scale back the growth rate of federal transfers to the provinces – a warning that means tough decisions lie ahead on health care, education and social programs as Canada moves to balance the books.

And our BC government has just handed over another 7% to the feds control with the HST. This 7% will go, who knows where? Unlikely to our health care in BC.

My personal fight with this HST has not been about the tax. It has been about giving the taxing power to Ottawa. Now see what is happening. People of BC, we must stand together one more time and RECALL some of these sociopaths that think they know better than us what is right ⇒

for us. If we can do this, from that day forward, any and all politicians will walk a little softer, knowing they are answerable to their constituents or out they go. I ask you all, when the recalls start. search out the canvassers and sign. We the BC people can do this.

Please take a moment to read the BCRefed "[Direct Democracy Newsletter](#)" (link, below & extract, right). Also please keep in mind that one of the reasons I joined this party was because the FOUNDERS of the party were elderly people wanting to save BC mostly for their grandchildren and beyond. They, the FOUNDERS, have no political ambitions as to running in elections, gold plated pensions, \$100's of thousands in pay, etc., etc., This reason alone should open many peoples eyes.

I personally will be 73 years old in December and I will work for them to help in any way I can. We need some good younger people to join us and do the running in their ridings. If you decide to come on board with us for this reason, we will do everything we can to help you succeed. In doing so, you and I can give BC back to the people of BC.

~ Wayne, "The Vagabond Writer" / slyolfart@gmail.com

A Proud member of The BC Refederation Party

Link to Direct Democracy Newsletter:

http://news.refedbc.com/wp/?page_id=13 (extract, below)

The Ignorance of an Elitist

By Dennis Shaw, RefedBC, www.refedbc.com /

Ignorance in this context does not mean "ill-mannered or stupid". It means "not aware of".

A favorite argument brought up by some people against allowing everyone to vote directly on large political issues, runs like this. "I don't want some crack-head voting on how to run this province." The implication here is that some of the voters are capable of voting sensibly, but some are not.

The person using this argument always considers that s/he is one of those capable of voting sensibly - hence, this is the argument of elitists. BC Refed's view is that intelligence and wisdom are randomly distributed throughout the population. We need a change from the rule of elitists. We must dissent.

Today I asked "an elitist friend" a question. "Where in BC does the Legislature get the authority to pass a law that you and I must obey or be punished?" Which is the document that confers that power on the Legislature?

My elitist was vague and mentioned something about the Lt Governor and the Queen, but could not name the document that the Legislature claims as its authority to fine and jail people. He found some other matter suddenly important, and left - "I have to attend to more pressing problems. Saving the world can come later."

That person has two university degrees and is well informed on many issues, but he obeys government decrees without suspecting that perhaps the government has no authority to pass laws. He was told months ago where he could read for himself, in the government's own document, that the BC government is defined as unlawful by the World Bank's legal staff, but he has still not looked at www.refedbc.com. His mind is shut tight as a result of 20 years in our school system. So this intelligent and highly educated man is of the opinion that: 1) BC's government is lawfully constituted. The World Bank says he is wrong. 2) BC has a constitution. The BC Premier and the BC Attorney General say he is wrong. I have their letters on file. 3) We cannot trust most voters to decide large issues by referendum, but 4) we can trust those same voters to decide the largest issue of all. They can be trusted to choose a group of people who will make all decisions for all of us, at all times, and without consulting us. That is, they can elect a party to rule us.

Thankfully many folks with less education agree with BC Refed's plan to give voters four days every year to veto government legislation. We could have saved BC Rail. Given the chance, Refed will save BC Hydro and other public assets.

The old thinking has to go. Refed's new thinking sees the need to change the political system itself, not just change a political party every four years.

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BC Wins Gold for Corruption

BC today outshines Quebec when it comes corruption – in both politics & justice

From Mary Mackie, S. McDowall

BC Mary comment: "You'll laugh, you'll cry ... if you read what Terrace (BC) Online Daily's editor Merv Ritchie wrote today describing the current B.C. provincial administration: www.terracedaily.ca/show7191a0x300y1z

MACLEANS! QUEBEC? HELL NO – BC WINS GOLD FOR CORRUPTION

Merv Ritchie, Terrace Online Daily - Oct. 2, 2010

Jean Charest, Premier of Quebec, is offended at Maclean's for claiming it is the most corrupt Province in Canada.

Gordon Campbell should be offended too. For Maclean's

to make this claim, in awarding top prize for corruption, they had to reach way back into history quoting events from even the 60's and 70's and due to the actions of various political parties in both the Provincial and Federal Governments. The only thing with any 'stick power' attached to Charest is the appointment of Judges being linked to influence peddling.

[Read the McLean's article online: "Quebec: The most corrupt province: Why does Quebec claim so many of the nation's political scandals?" by Martin Patriquin, Sep 24, 2010: <http://www2.macleans.ca/2010/09/24/the-most-corrupt-province/>]

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BC Wins Gold for Corruption, contd.

This is child's play for BC. The appointment of Judges and special prosecutors, appointments to the position of Attorney General with subsequent resignations, even Wally Opal's latest assignment as the lead to investigate the Pickton inquiry stinks worse than the rotting corpses of dozens of innocent aboriginals. How dare this BC Government appoint such an ass to such a sensitive issue? Does no one remember his "shopping for a prosecutor" to handle the case against Bountiful? The Government was successfully sued for his actions. This however isn't the real corruption it is simply more buffoonery.

The real corruption begins with the BC Media; Black Press, Pacific Press and Canwest's Global TV (BCTV) with their never ending refusal to address the real issues of political corruption in BC. If BC is the rightful owner of the Gold Medal for Canadian Political Corruption, then it is this group of media 'doctors' who administered the performance enhancing drugs just like Coach Charles Francis and Dr. Jamie Astaphan did for Ben Johnson ... [...]

Today in BC we have a political criminal corruption trial in play and it has been for over three years. It began with an RCMP raid on the BC Legislature almost ten years ago. [See P.21 for Trial update.] This followed almost exactly one year after the Premier was charged with another BC criminal offence, drunk driving, in Hawaii.

The trial is so rife with potential influence and political appointments even attempting to begin detailing the facts makes the general public role their eyes and find something else to read. It is so convoluted and involved only the most legally and politically astute can seem to follow the shell game set up by the broken BC government and judiciary.

The special prosecutor is in a serious conflict of interest position that should have a potential independent media crying foul on every front page and a lead story on every newscast. Just like Tony constantly repeating "Bingogate" and Hydrogate" and "the NDPee" at the start of every morning, afternoon and evening broadcast for years, they should be screaming "BC Railgate!" The current Judge also seems compromised. Just why did the first Judge get removed (promoted to the Appeal Court) from the case at the beginning of the actual trial? Did Madam Justice Bennett begin to understand the facts and issue unfavourable rulings, like "hey, just who ordered the destruction of the evidence in the Premiers office (email records) just prior to the election?" and maybe her decision that the influential 'Patrick Kinsella' must appear and answer questions. Read more here. <http://tinyurl.com/BVBkinsella>

Another serious question is why is there a media ban on the publication of any evidence of the most serious crime in Canadian Politics. Neither the Defence nor the prosecution asked for this media ban. It was just imposed and main-

tained by these 'impartial' Judges.

And Maclean's even forgot to mention the two Cabinet Ministers and their Ministry's being watched by CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Services) for infiltration and subversion by foreign operatives. It is interesting how the Premier in his recent speech to the UBCM mentions two cabinet ministers, in a reference to congratulating them for their work. Bill Bennett and Pat Bell are the two Ministries we have isolated as the most suspect by following the lead of the head of CSIS, Richard Fadden. [Read about this at TerraceDaily.ca: <http://tinyurl.com/CSISbillPat>]

I suppose if we reach back in time we can find an even more corrupt regime anywhere but as for today? With the appointments and disappointments, the exposure and non disclosure, the manipulations and machinations of the BC Government, Media and Court system, there is nothing today across Canada that should have Maclean's crying corruption except BC. Harcourt and Clark's days of Bingogate pale in comparison to the rigging of Casinos and funnelling of money to the Liberal Government election campaign funds. [Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/casinogate>] Harcourt and Clark's days of Hydrogate pale in comparison to the sale of BC Hydro and the power potential of the truly publicly owned BC Rivers to private interests.

Yet the BC public are kept uninformed and the entire BC Rail Trial; a bizarre trial pushing ten years of screwed up nonsense involving a government building being raided. Even the public officials being suspected of international criminal intrigue remains of no interest to the BC Media; Black Press, Pacific Press and Canwest's Global TV (BCTV). Oh, the HST too, well that is just a distraction, like icing on a cake of mud the media gets to talk about while ignoring the filthy rotting mud underneath it all.

Yes Gordon you hold the Gold and your drug suppliers, your public manipulation machine should be rightfully acknowledged. It is a shame how Maclean's refused to recognize what you rightfully own. Just like you stated in your speech to the UBCM: "A long time ago, eight years, I came here. And at the end of my speech eight years ago, Ross Rebagliati was in the crowd and he had a gold medal and I held it up. I showed you what we could do. See that gold medal? This is an Olympic gold medal for our Games."

Yes Gordon it is a damn good thing you mention Ross. He claimed his pot drug test result was due to attending a party in Whistler where others were smoking it. Good BC bud. It is also a good thing there is so much of this gold medal winning pot in BC. It is what it appears the majority of the residents need to continue accepting and absorbing the joke BC has for what is commonly referred to as a Government and a media.

I say we all write Maclean's and demand a retraction. BC deserves the rightful holder of the title, "Most corrupt Province in Canada". Email: letters@macleans.ca ♣

More BC Scandals

Is BC Hydro on the brink of insolvency?

Erik Andersen, Gabriola BC



Erik Andersen

Is BC Hydro on the brink of in-solvency? And if so, are North Shore residents and businesses, along with all other British Columbians, ready to have their hydro bills quadrupled over the next five or six years?

If your reaction was, "No way!" a review of the facts may shock you.

BC Hydro recently reported its net income for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010 to be \$447 million - \$82 million higher than for the same period last year. That sounds healthy enough, and the trend appears to be in the right direction, so where is the need to worry?

In short, there are three reasons to care:

First – collectively, we are the one and only shareholder of the corporation. As such, we have the right to know how well BC Hydro is carrying out its responsibility to provide good stewardship of our public assets;

Second – as Hydro customers, the need for future rate increases should interest us all;

Third – as B.C. taxpayers, we have the right to know the full extent and likely impact of the enormous contractual liabilities BC Hydro is assuming in our name.

As one might expect, the clues to what I believe to be disturbing developments at BC Hydro can be found by analyzing the way in which critical numbers are recorded and, sooner or later, reported to the public.

Following, is my compressed version of what I see to be happening. The data shown have been gleaned from public sources that readers can use for verification.

Chronologically, the first hint of trouble ahead is acknowledged by a simple phrase on page 66 of BC Hydro's own 2009/2010 year-end report: "The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the transition to IFRS." IFRS is an acronym for International Financial Reporting Standards and Hydro is well-advised to evaluate its impact. This is because, as B.C. Auditor-General John Doyle reported in August, the Public Sector Accounting Board had already instructed Hydro on February 13 that, effective January 1, 2011, the corporation would be required to undergo transition to that accounting method. [...] Continue reading (at pacificfreepress.com): <http://tinyurl.com/EAbchydro>

[Rafe Mair comments on the end of the BC Rail corruption trial, forwarded by Erik with his comment: "FYI. It will get worse." READ RAFE ONLINE AT: <http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/321-rafe-basi-virk>]

"The New Lawlessness" in Canada

Robin Mathews has been documenting the legal fiasco known as the BC Rail

Scandal since it began (Many posted by BC Mary at: <http://bctrilofbasi-virk.blogspot.com>)

Police raided the BC Legislature on Dec. 28, 2003. Government employees charged: Dave Basi (at the time, the highest profile ministerial assistant in the BC Government), Bobby Virk, Aneal Basi (BCRail), also Dave Basi (Sooke A.L.R.). Mary's postings began on May 30, 2006, with an exposé of how the Basi boys worked hard to help Paul Martin become PM; about organized crime in politics; and about drug smuggling...

BC Rail Political Corruption Trial. Oct. 18, 2010.

The End of Justice in British Columbia

Mourning in Courtroom 54

By Prof. Robin Mathews

October 18, 2010

The figure of Justice lies in the dust, bloated and decayed this morning, her blindfold torn from her face, her scales smashed and in pieces beside her. The vultures of the corrupt province circle over her – all recognizable, all with names. Feeding on her rotting body ...

So ends the seven-year "case" against the three order-in-council appointed aides charged with a panoply of offenses involving, mostly, the corrupt transfer of BC Rail to the CNR.

The story – told in banner headlines in the Mainstream Press and Media – is that the three accused [all charges against Aneal Basi being withdrawn], are the beneficiaries of a bargain. Two admitted guilt to scaled down charges (becoming less than indictable offenses) – and received two years less a day of house arrest and community service - with Dave Basi, additionally, paying a fine of a little over \$75,000.00 (the sum of monies he admits to receiving illegally in the BC Rail and Sooke ALR cases).

The "surprise" news of the "astonishing" development (Mainstream Media words) was so surprising that "the club" was fully informed in advance, knew what was ⇒

The End of Justice, Robin Mathews, contd.

coming, and filled the courtroom so they could express “surprise” and “astonishment”. Journalists rarely there suddenly appeared. Friends of friends equally rarely present – were suddenly there, dressed for the occasion! So confident were the real winners that they went so far, obviously, as to inform the RCMP, and the courtroom was host to about eight RCMP in black business suits, there to show their “surprise” and “astonishment” at the news.

YOU didn’t know what was coming. And I didn’t know. But the Gary Bass RCMP team was told and arrived in their best suits to be present and “surprised”.

Indeed, controversial (BC Rail Scandal) investigation leader (Inspector?) Kevin Debruyckere was there. He was brother-in-law to Kelly Reichert, B.C. Liberal Party Executive Director, in 2003-04, and was alleged by Defence to have been communicating with Reichert – himself alleged to have been communicating with Gordon Campbell and Dave Basi ... and ... and

When *Vancouver Sun* reporter Neal Hall asked Debruyckere about those allegations (none proved), the officer tripped over his consonants, stumbled on his vowels, unleashed a stream of nonsense and looked for all the world as if falling on his face is a normal occupation.

To the surprise of everyone in the courtroom, Associate Chief Justice Anne MacKenzie accepted the adjusted package of charges and the suggested sentence presented by the Prosecution and the Defence without changing a comma.

What a surprise! The point was made that she is wholly independent of Prosecution and Defence, of course – but, surprisingly, she saw the wisdom of their actions and fell in quickly with the proposals. And, indeed, she produced her sentencing and the reasoning for it in a scant twenty minutes or so when the court stood down for her to do so. A remarkable person! No wonder she was raised to Associate Chief Justice shortly after taking over the Basi, Virk, and Basi case. She didn’t even need half a day to formulate her reasons and to compose her sentencing.

Attention of the Mainstream Press and Media was, of course, on the two men who admitted guilt. Indeed, Mr. William Berardino, QC, Special Prosecutor, praised them for coming forward and voluntarily admitting guilt, seeming to suggest as I understood him, that their openness merited gentle consideration in their sentencing.

The fact that they fought the charges laid in December 2004 until this morning, October 18, 2010, does not seem to have occurred to the Special Prosecutor ... or for that matter to the judge on the case. But six years is not, after all, a long time (as courts measure time).

The ‘costs’ of the accused, we are told, have been paid thus far by you, the taxpayer, and there will be no move to recover the costs – even though the men accept their guilt.

Nor, announced the Attorney General, will there be a public inquiry into the **BC Rail Scandal** – which scandal, plainly, was only scratched by the aborted trial of the three men. The circling vultures, we may be sure, will therefore go on feeding on the rotting body of Justice in the province. And none of them will be exposed by public inquiry....

Some will think that the three men got off astonishingly cheaply. But perhaps there was good reason to rush them out of the courtroom. Perhaps the rush out the door was not for their sakes at all – but to get many others off cheaply...

Remember that the two Crown witnesses heard so far gave evidence they didn’t mean to give. That evidence was that the Defence team would rip the Crown witnesses – especially those closely connected to Gordon Campbell – to shreds. Witness after witness after witness would pile up public ridicule and contempt, each one for himself or herself, and for Gordon Campbell and his government.

That would be because – as the first two Crown witnesses gave evidence – not many of them would be able to answer simple questions. They would, mostly, forget, would fumble, would obfuscate, would dodge, would weave, would misunderstand – would, in short, give many, many observers the sense that they were lying outright or so obviously refusing to answer questions that they had something gigantic to hide. Mr. Berardino told the judge this morning that he was sure the trial – if not stopped now – would go on well past the projected March 2011 ending date.

Could that have been code-language for saying the Gordon Campbell government would be stripped of every remaining shred of credibility it possesses? And so the trial must be stopped?

The others, then, getting off cheaply ... seem to be many of the witnesses scheduled to be called by the Crown – almost all of them close associates of Gordon Campbell in one way or another. But they, it appears, are not the only ones.

For the **Special Prosecutor** was appointed in violation of the legislation covering the process to appoint Special Prosecutors. And whether or not Mr. Berardino is the best and most honest criminal lawyer in the Commonwealth (he might be so), the violation of process in his appointment makes his every action in the case possess the potential for the perception of bias on his part by observers. That ‘potential for the perception of bias’ on his part makes (and made) his presence in the courtroom improper and unacceptable, for justice must be done and it must be seen to be done and cannot be so if there is the potential for the perception of bias in the actions of the Special Prosecutor.

As I have said, it was essential – since the three accused men were ‘government’ – that the Attorney General’s ministry appoint someone wholly unconnected to the accused or anyone in, or closely connected to, government.

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But Mr. Berardino was appointed by a ministry in which the Attorney General, Geoff Plant, and the Deputy Attorney General, Allan Seckel, were his former long-time partners and colleagues. And then in the Spring of 2007 when Gordon Campbell (truly astonishingly) inserted himself into the judicial process and erased a functioning protocol for the vetting of cabinet documents sought by Defence, he appointed as sole arbiter Allan Seckel, then Deputy Attorney General, who would consult, said Campbell, with the Special Prosecutor – who just happened to be the former, eleven year long, partner and colleague of that sole arbiter, Allan Seckel.

Those facts – and the primary one that he was appointed in a violation of the legislation governing such appointments – were becoming more and more known – and potentially explosive. And, so, it may be fair to ask if one of the people who more and more wanted the accused pushed out the door was William Berardino, QC, the “Crown” in the case against Basi, Virk, and Basi? Is it possible that Mr. Berardino became more and more interested in a “deal” that would benefit the accused, end the trial, and get them out the door?

It may be. But, if so, he was, perhaps, not alone in the courtroom wanting that development. For the judge, Associate Chief Justice Anne MacKenzie, was fully informed of Mr. Berardino’s wrongful place in the courtroom. And she would do nothing whatever to remedy that situation. And so she was permitting the jury to listen to testimony and to attempt to judge a trial which was, in effect, illegitimate. She was allowing men accused by a wrongfully appointed Special Prosecutor to sit in the accused box. She was, I suggest, courting real trouble if the trial went on much longer, for more and more people were becoming aware of the implications of the wrongful appointment.

One of the implications was that the presiding judge could not go on acting as if the wrongful appointment was of no consequence to the legitimacy of the trial.

For the charges against the accused could not be legitimate made by a Crown Prosecutor who was appointed in violation of the legislation covering the process of his appointment.

And so, one may ask, was the judge on the case, Associate Chief Justice Anne MacKenzie anxious to see some kind of deal to get the accused out the door and the trial over ... quickly?

The questions about the Special Prosecutor and the presiding judge were so clear and so plain that the NDP should have been asking questions publicly and demanding attention to the irregularity. But the NDP would not act or recognize the situation in any way. Now that opportunity for a major breakthrough in the BC Rail Scandal is past, the NDP is asking for a Public Inquiry, which the Attorney General

has, of course, brushed aside.

Was there anyone else, could there be anyone else, you might ask, wanting the trial over and the accused out the door? What about the lawyers for the accused? They would be expected to want their clients cleared of all accusations and ... out the door. Apparently they judged (rightly or wrongly) that couldn’t happen. It would seem they judged that their clients would be convicted. If so, they may have been wrong in their judgement.

But (as has been hinted elsewhere) if the trial dragged on until far past March, and the judgement by the jury was “guilty”, and an uncooperative Attorney General set about getting back the “costs” paid to the Defence lawyers for years of work – then not only the accused but their lawyers would be in an embarrassed financial position.

Did Defence lawyers (and the accused) want the deal made in order to get the accused out of the courtroom?

That opens another question which – in pursuit of answers – must be asked. **Why did the Attorney General agree – though a plea of guilty by the accused has been made – to pay their costs? That question cannot be avoided.**

The statement by the Attorney General that the decision was made by the Special Prosecutor cannot, apparently, be sustained. The wording of the protocol on the matter denies it.

Was it because the Attorney General (that is to say the cabinet of Gordon Campbell) was willing to pay to end the trial, to have the accused “out the door” because, giving testimony later, they might have heaped embarrassment on the Campbell government”? Was it to prevent many of the coming-Crown Witnesses from being shredded under cross-examination? Was it to cut off questions about the wrongful appointment of the Special Prosecutor and refusal of the presiding judge to act in the matter? Did the Attorney General (which is to say the cabinet of Gordon Campbell) have many, many unsavoury reasons to pay the costs of the accused in the BC Rail Scandal criminal trial?

Questions spring up like weeds in the spacious inner courtyard of The Law Courts, under the immense glass roof erected by Arthur Erickson to symbolize the openness and transparency of the search for justice in British Columbia. Among the weeds lies the bloated and rotting body of Justice, the blindfold torn from her face, her scales smashed and in pieces beside her – while the black vultures (all recognizable, all with names we know) circle and circle overhead.

Robin Mathews, Victoria BC ♣

Many of Professor Mathews’ reports have appeared in *dialogue* over the years. The whole story and on-going updates are available at Mary Mackie’s blog: <http://bctrilofbasi-virk.blogspot.com> [See P.59 for photo and link to Robin’s reading of his Sep. 15th Poem, “To a Young Canadian Soldier Killed in the War in Afghanistan: 2001-20??” – <http://tinyurl.com/RMSoldierspoem>] ♣

Threads That Are Weaving The Future

Always darkest before the dawn

[A book in progress, 2012: Crossroads for Humanity]

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Part II: A grassroots response to the crisis

Prolog

The conclusions reached in Part I are rather stark. Chapter 1 concluded that we are headed for a planned dystopia if things are allowed to continue as they are; Chapter 2 traced our current predicament back to the origins of civilization itself, and Chapter 3 identified the core systemic problem: hierarchical governance always becomes tyrannical.

These conclusions may seem exaggerated, or even bizarre, to many readers. The evidence for those conclusions, however, is quite clear. I see myself in the role of the child who pointed out that the emperor has no clothes, not someone who has done unique historical research. I suspect these conclusions are seldom entertained primarily because they are so frightening: what hope do they leave for us? Nonetheless, that is our situation. And real hope only becomes possible when the reality of our situation is recognized.

Our only real hope is to turn the pyramid upside down from the grassroots, by finding our collective empowerment in our communities, and creating real democracy for the first time since our civilizations began. And in fact more and more people are turning their attention to the local as a place to deal with the problems of society. In this part of the book we will be exploring the question of how the emergence of empowered communities might be facilitated.

Chapter 4 surveys the localization movement, in its various aspects, and examines why its impact on communities has so far been marginal. Chapter 5 presents a framework for achieving economic empowerment, based on a synthesis of the various ideas that are being put forward by the localization movement. Chapter 6 explores how local democratic processes can be developed in conjunction with pursuing economic empowerment.

Preview of Chapter 4, "The emergence of localism"

Our future as a species appears to be very bleak indeed. As the era of economic growth and liberal democracy is coming to a close, we face the prospect of a global feudalistic regime, along with a dehumanizing program of social engineering. There is no effective way, within our political systems, for us to do anything about this state of affairs.

The major Western political parties, and the mass media, have all been co-opted by the elite banking cabal, making elections meaningless. Protest movements are brutally suppressed, and have no effect on policy, other than to increase the intensity of so-called 'security' measures. If the planned new regime is implemented, then we can expect the methods of control to be still more severe, with even less opportunity for any kind of popular influence or voice over public affairs.

The traditional political channels are all effectively closed to us, but that does not mean we need to lose hope. This is not the first time in history that a tyrannical regime has appeared to be unassailable. If we recall the fall of the Soviet Union, or the French, American, and Russian Revolutions, we see that such regimes can fall, and often in surprising and sudden ways.

The current regime is vulnerable, and its vulnerability arises from its own excesses. By intentionally collapsing the economy, and forecasting further austerity to come, the regime has created a climate of widespread hopelessness, where new ideas and initiatives can take root and spread. And there are many promising ideas and initiatives emerging, as more and more people lose faith in the system, and choose to respond with hope, dedication, and creativity.

Turning towards the local

Around the world, there is a growing movement to pull back from the relentless march of corporate globalisation by re-rooting economic and social activities at the community level. From the burgeoning popularity of farmers' markets and food co-ops to the revitalisation of community banking, people are organising themselves to reclaim the economy from large profit-driven corporations and instead build sustainable, local alternatives.

- Anna White, "Why Local Economies Matter"

As Anna White says, there are many threads to this localization movement. For local businesses, it is about responding to the competition of mega-chains. For environmentalists, it is about reducing energy usage and carbon footprint. For those who are concerned about systemic collapse, it is about basic food survival. There are many other threads as well, and we will be examining most of those in this chapter.

From a political perspective, all of these threads have one very important thing in common: they are not about what government can do for us, they are about what we can do for ourselves, independent of the political system. They are about people, in collaboration with their friends and neighbors, taking responsibility for their own destiny. The overall movement is about the emergence of community empowerment.

As we shall see however, the 'movement' doesn't exist as a coherent whole, but only as the separate threads, each pursuing its own objectives with single-minded dedication. Based on my conversations with various of the activists involved, there seems to be a strong resistance to cross-pollenization within the broader movement, based on each thread's understandable desire to maintain focus on its own particular objectives.

From my own perspective, as a more or less 'neutral researcher', it is easy to see that there are very strong ⇒

potential synergies among these threads. The various objectives are in fact highly complementary to one another: the whole is much greater than the sum of its parts. Because of the fractionalization of movement energy, and the insulation between the threads, these synergies remain unexamined and untapped.

Furthermore, the potential 'whole' is not seen or imagined: community empowerment, in a political sense, is not recognized as the underlying theme of the emergent movement. The movement-to-be is not yet aware of its inherent nature. Each thread sees itself as a way to secure a bit of local control, independent of the political system. But each thread does not realize that achieving community objectives independent of the political system represents a systemic response to hierarchy itself. For if hierarchy is the problem, then community empowerment is the seed of a solution.

I apologize for jumping ahead in our story. We've gone as far as we can with this abstraction of 'threads'. We need to get into the substance of these community-oriented initia-

tives, and explore the nature of the potential synergies.

My purpose in developing this preview was to suggest that there may be a very real light at the end of this tunnel-of-doom that the hierarchy is preparing for us. Emergent energies are clustering around a focus of activity that is in fact anti-systemic in a very effective way — and yet those emergent energies are not yet aware of their overall cumulative potential.

One could almost suspect that some kind of universal unconscious is expressing itself, inspiring the threads that will eventually weave into a tapestry of species liberation. You can read the latest version of this book-in-progress at: <http://rkmdocs.blogspot.com/2010/07/toc-2012.html>

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Doomsday Versus Bloomsday Thinking

The Shift of Ages Series #9:

Jean Hudon, Earth Rainbow Network

Hello every soul!

[July 20, 2010] As you can probably figure out from the title of this compilation – Doomsday Versus Bloomsday Thinking – I've been grappling at the real possibility that with the ginormous amount of cultural focus and news on doomsday scenarios of all kinds, many of which are trailing in the wake of the 2012 phenomenon, and notwithstanding the fact that, because of our collective "mismanagement" (which is an understatement) of our planetary environment ... a number of grave repercussions are likely to be inevitable down the road, many people are still subconsciously trapped into the vicious circle of a collective belief into such doomsday outcomes that it could develop into a looping self-fulfilling prophecy, which they are in fact co-manifesting, aided and abetted of course by the usual cast of evil agencies doing their usual "mischiefs" (another understatement).

To try to illustrate the kind of counterbalancing and canceling, positively-tilted influence to all this doomsday thinking on our collective, subconscious mind, I came up with the notion of "bloomsday" thinking, meaning that if/when we instead focus the power of our collective belief onto the increasing likeliness that, thanks to the growing cocreative efforts of millions of powerful Light Bearers and New Earth Midwives all around the world (some of whom are featured in the new WORTH EXPLORING section, at the link below), we are now setting in motion an even more powerful collective, subconsciously-held belief into a regenerated, pristine planet where all that is good and hearty in our

souls will soon bloom spontaneously – a vision that reminded me of the magnificent ending of The Yellow Submarine cartoon movie by The Beatles... with it's giant YES symbolizing the choice we all have to say "Yes!" to such a New Reality for all sentient Life on Earth.

I'm utterly convinced that it is within our collective power to be instrumental in co-achieving such a Golden outcome, starting with each one of us choosing, here and now: Love instead of fear, Light instead of its absence, Bloom instead of Doom. How about YOU?...

Jean Hudon, Earth Rainbow Network Coordinator

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From deceptive boardrooms to closed-minded thinking: how the fatally flawed medical system killed more Americans with just one drug than the entire Vietnam War

By Dr. Mercola, Jan. 19 2010 |

Truth is violently opposed before it is accepted as self evident. Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860) was a German philosopher known for his philosophical clarity. In my view he has made one of the most valuable observations on the shifting of human views on truth as he stated that all truth goes through three steps: First, it is ridiculed; second, it is violently opposed; finally, it is accepted as self-evident.

This is not only true for health but all areas of life. However since my entire formal professional training is in health, I would like to share with you a dozen experiences from my professional career that validates Schopenhauer's observation, and why I will not quit despite the efforts of my critics and detractors.

Read article online: <http://tinyurl.com/Mercola19110> ♣

THEORY U

THEORY U: LEADING FROM THE FUTURE AS IT EMERGES

Summary Overview

Author Otto Scharmer (Cambridge, MA: Society for Organizational Learning, SoL, 2007)

Using his experience working with some of the world's most accomplished leaders and innovators, Otto Scharmer shows in Theory U how groups and organizations can develop seven leadership capacities in order to create a future that would not otherwise be possible.

Tapping Our Collective Capacity

We live in a time of massive institutional failure, collectively creating results that nobody wants. Climate change. AIDS. Hunger. Poverty. Violence. Terrorism. Destruction of communities, nature, life-the foundations of our social, economic, ecological, and spiritual well-being. This time calls for a new consciousness and a new collective leadership capacity to meet challenges in a more conscious, intentional, and strategic way. The development of such a capacity would allow us to create a future of greater possibilities.

Illuminating the Blind Spot

Why do our attempts to deal with the challenges of our time so often fail? Why are we stuck in so many quagmires today? The cause of our collective failure is that we are blind to the deeper dimension of leadership and transformational change. This "blind spot" exists not only in our collective leadership but also in our everyday social interactions. We are blind to the source dimension from which effective leadership and social action come into being.

We know a great deal about what leaders do and how they do it. But we know very little about the inner place, the source from which they operate. And it is this source that "Theory U" attempts to explore. [...]

Slowing Down to Understand

At its core, leadership is about shaping and shifting how individuals and groups attend to and subsequently respond to a situation. ... Learning to recognize the habits of attention ... requires, among other things, a particular kind of listening. Over more than a decade of observing people's interactions in organizations, I have noted four different types of listening.

Listening 1: Downloading

"Yeah, I know that already." ["There he goes again"] I call this type of listening "downloading" – listening by reconfirming habitual judgments. When you are in a situation

where everything that happens confirms what you already know, you are *listening by downloading*.

Listening 2: Factual

"Ooh, look at that!" This type of listening is factual or object-focused: listening by paying attention to facts and to novel or disconfirming data. You switch off your inner voice of judgment and listen to the voices right in front of you. You focus on what differs from what you already know. *Factual listening* is the basic mode of good science. You let the data talk to you. You ask questions, and you pay careful attention to the responses you get.

Listening 3: Empathic

"Oh, yes, I know exactly how you feel." This deeper level of listening is empathic listening. When we are engaged in real dialogue and paying careful attention, we can become aware of a profound shift in the place from which our listening originates. We move from staring at the objective world of things, figures, and facts (the "it-world") to listening to the story of a living and evolving self (the "you-world"). Sometimes, when we say "I know how you feel," our emphasis is on a kind of mental or abstract knowing. But to really feel how another feels, we have to have an open heart. *Only an open heart gives us the empathic capacity to connect directly with another person from within*. When that happens, we feel a profound switch as we enter a new territory in the relationship; we forget about our own agenda and begin to see how the world appears through someone else's eyes.

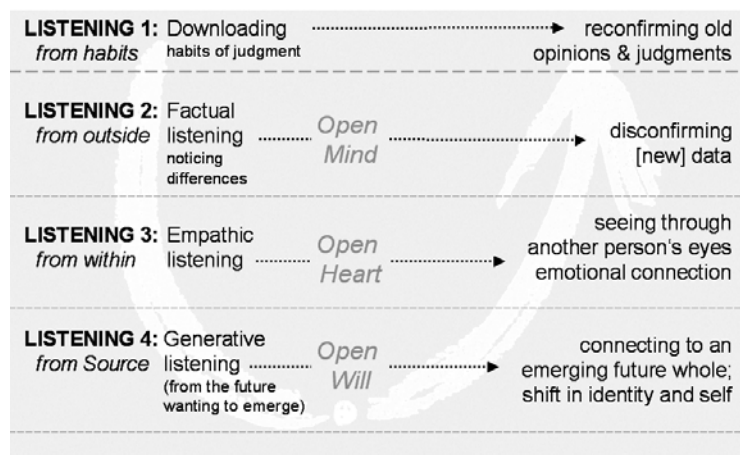
Listening 4: Generative

"I can't express what I experience in words. My whole being has slowed down. I feel more quiet and present and more my real self. I am connected to something larger than

myself." This type of listening moves beyond the current field and connects us to an even deeper realm of emergence. I call this level of listening "generative listening," or *listening from the emerging field of future possibility*. This level of listening requires us to access not only our open heart, but also our open will – our

capacity to connect to the highest future possibility that can emerge. We no longer look for something outside. We no longer empathize with someone in front of us. We are in ⇒

Levels of Listening



an altered state. "Communion" or "grace" is maybe the word that comes closest to the texture of this experience.

When you operate from Listening 1 (downloading), the conversation reconfirms what you already knew. You reconfirm your habits of thought: "There he goes again!" When you operate from Listening 2 (factual listening), you disconfirm what you already know and notice what is new out there: "Boy, this looks so different today!" When you choose to

operate from Listening 3 (empathic listening), your perspective is redirected to seeing the situation through the eyes of another: "Boy, yes, now I really understand how you feel about it. I can sense it now too." And finally, when you choose to operate from Listening 4 (generative listening), you realize that by the end of the conversation you are no longer the same person you were when it began. You have gone through a subtle but profound change that has connected you to a deeper source of knowing, including the knowledge of your best future possibility and self.

The U: One Process, Five Movements

When leaders develop the capacity to come near to that source, they experience the future as if it were "wanting to be born" an experience called "presencing." That experience often carries with it ideas for meeting challenges and for bringing into being an otherwise impossible future. Theory U shows how that capacity for presencing can be developed.

Presencing is a journey with five movements:

- 1. CO-INITIATING:** Build Common Intent stop and listen to others and to what life calls you to do.
- 2. CO-SENSING:** Observe, Observe, Observe go to the places of most potential and listen with your mind and heart wide open.
- 3. PRESENSING:** Connect to the Source of Inspiration, and Will; go to the place of silence and allow the inner knowing to emerge.

4. CO-CREATING: Prototype the New in living examples to explore the future by doing.

5. CO-EVOLVING:

Embody the New in Ecosystems that facilitate seeing and acting from the whole. As the diagram illustrates, we move down one side of the U (connecting us to the world that is outside of our institutional bubble) to the bottom of the U (connecting us to the world that emerges from within) and up the other side of the U

(bringing forth the new into the world).

On that journey, at the bottom of the U, lies an inner gate that requires us to drop everything that isn't essential. This process of *letting-go* (of our old ego and self) and *letting-come* (our highest future possibility: our Self) establishes a subtle connection to a deeper source of knowing. The essence of presencing is that these two selves – our current self and our best future Self – meet at the bottom of the U and begin to listen and resonate with each other.

Once a group crosses this threshold, nothing remains the same. Individual members and the group as a whole begin to operate with a heightened level of energy and sense of future possibility. Often they then begin to function as an intentional vehicle for an emerging future. [...]

Theory U Encourages You to Step into the Emerging Future.

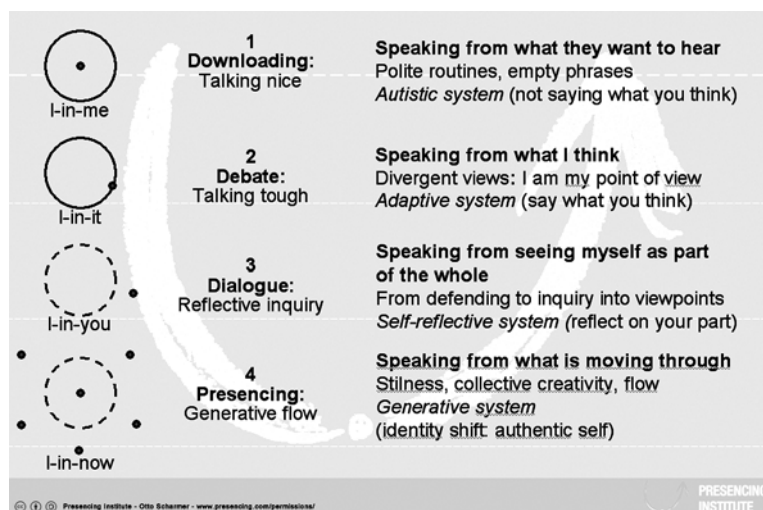
Examples of these seven

Theory U leadership capacities can be found in a number of multi-stakeholder innovations and corporate applications.

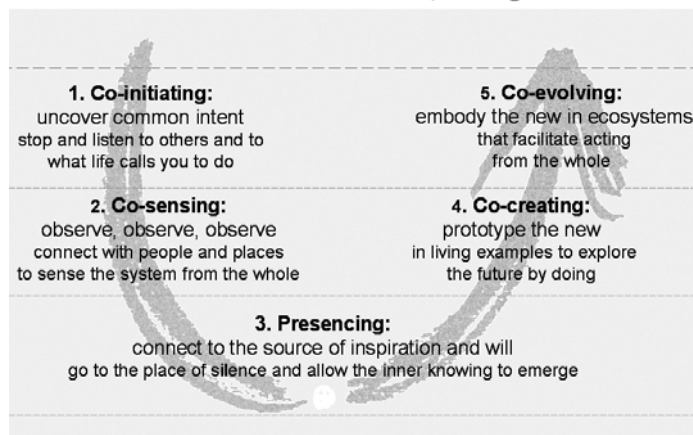
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U Process: 1 Process, 5 Stages



Igniting fields of inspired connection

Otto Scharmer's blog, www.blog.ottoscharmer.com/
Two worlds

[August 12th, 2010] I am just returning from another week in Indonesia where I had the great opportunity to work with the same group of young leaders across all sectors in society... Again, it was a powerful and deepening experience. I feel as if we are living in two worlds: one is the world of the dying institutions around us – the old stuff that no longer works. That's the world that is decaying, crumbling, collapsing and yet holding on to its old resources of power. That world solves social problems by manipulating people from outside (sticks, carrots, ideology).

But then there is another world that opens up a whole other universe of deepened connection. In that world we are part of a holding space that gives birth to a new universe of connections and creativity that we can discover among and within our Selves. It's that OTHER world that gives us energy, inspiration, presence, and hope. That world *solves problems*, not by manipulation from outside, but by accessing a deeper level of awareness from within – through collective sensing of a current situation with one's mind and heart wide open.

The funny thing is that we, as human beings, participate in both of these worlds. The one that dies and the one that is being born. Every single day. That's how it feels anyway. So how are we linking the tension between these two worlds? In Indonesia, the answer to that question is LAUGHTER. In this group we laugh a lot. That's how it

started early this year and ever since we seem to do it more and more. So humor is one way to create the link. What other forms have you seen?

Do you also experience this funny situation that you find yourself participating in two very different universes or worlds? How do you cope with that? And how do you sustain YOUR Source of reconnecting with the presence of that OTHER (emerging) world?

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Transforming Capitalism

The crisis of our time is not about financial or economic bankruptcy. The real crisis of our time is about an intellectual bankruptcy: the bankruptcy of mainstream economic thought. Just as the crumbling of the Berlin Wall in 1989 marked the end of one fundamentalist approach to society and the economy – socialist state-centric fundamentalism – the toppling of the Wall Street house of cards marks the end of another – neoliberal market-centric fundamentalism.

But the public debate and crisis response continue to be framed by the same old categories and frames of economic thought that got us into the whole mess in the first place. To paraphrase Albert Einstein's famous observation, "The significant problems we have cannot be solved by the same type of thinking that created them." Yet that's exactly what we are busy trying to do. [...]

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– Otto Scharmer, from *The Blind Spot of Economic Thought: Seven Acupuncture Points for Shifting to Capitalism 3.0* - Online at: www.presencing.com/) ♣

“Soft Edges” Column

LEARNING TO LISTEN

By Jim Taylor, Okanagan BC

Did I mention that Joan and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by taking a cruise to Alaska? Since a 50th anniversary is not something one celebrates more than once, we splurged and travelled on a relatively small ship, with only 300 or so passengers.

At meals, we usually chose to sit with people we didn't already know. So we got into intense conversation with about 60 of the other passengers. Fortunately, we liked most of them. But even those we disagreed with had a fascinating range of backgrounds and places.

I re-discovered something I had known before, but had largely forgotten -- listening is hard work.

OBSTACLES TO LISTENING

It's hard deciphering accents -- everything from a broad Bronx to upper-crust Boston, from broad Atlanta to nasal Albuquerque. Or, internationally, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Scotland, Germany, Italy....

It's hard listening to a specific speaker over a drone of background chatter, especially if her voice is aging and rarely rises above a whisper.

It's hard listening to views – on the mosque in New York, on Mexican immigration, on Wall Street's fiscal flimflam-mery – that I may not necessarily support.

I have to keep reminding myself, sometimes, that this conversation does not occur so that I can convert the other person to my views. Nor even so that I can claim to be on the same side.

I shouldn't listen to a person I disagree with just so I can change his mind. I listen to hear if he has anything worth saying. That means giving him – typically him, though sometimes her – the benefit of the doubt.

But paying attention is hard work.

In a recent book, *When God is Silent*, Barbara Brown Taylor (no relation, unfortunately) points out that listening involves a lot more than waiting for the other person to take a breath so that you can wedge your own words into the silence.⇒

"Our corporate prayers," Brown writes at one point, "are punctuated with phrases such as 'Hear us, O Lord,' or 'Lord, hear our prayer,' as if the burden to listen were on God and not on us."

As she notes, the Hebrew shema says, "Hear, O Israel." It does not say, "Speak, O Israel."

A 'NON-PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY'

Another author, Beatrice Bruteau, suggests that we don't practice listening because, in her words, "Listening is a non-productive activity."

I've spent most of my life plagued by the conviction that I should be accomplishing something. By listening, I may have made some of my dinner partners feel valued. But I didn't create anything. I didn't make any money, or produce any goods. I didn't "do" anything.

And yet, without listening, we talk past each other, scoring debating points without seeking understanding.

I heard a story recently -- sorry, I don't recall where -- that probably comes from Sufi wisdom.

"What do you say when you pray?" someone asked a mystic.

"I don't say anything," he replied.

"Then what do you do?" the questioner persisted.

"I listen," said the mystic.

"And what does God say to you?"

The mystic sighed. "God doesn't say anything," he said.

"Then what does God do?" the questioner demanded.

"God listens," the mystic answered. "And if you can't understand that, I can't explain it to you."

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"The Fifth Columnist"

Michael Neilly, Dunrobin ON



On Gratitude

This column is about gratitude. Why is it that we wait so long to express it?

Is it our sense of mortality?

I am reminded of that Sinatra song,
It was a very good year.

"But now the days grow short, I'm in the autumn of the year / And now I think of

my life as vintage wine from fine old kegs / From the brim to the dregs, and it poured sweet and clear / It was a very good year."

Good-bye to summer. Good-bye to the bear that lumbered ashore near our place. Believe me I was getting ready to run for my life. Imagine, when, even after swimming about one mile, that bear still was able to run across the street -- faster than I could run even in my youth. A co-worker explained that the bear doesn't sit in front of a computer for 7.5 hours per day, and didn't have 365 danishes a year packed around his waist. [PHOTO on P. 60]

Good-bye to blue skies and calm waters. Good-bye to easy living, where you can fall asleep outside and not die! So long to burgers that taste of smoked apple wood, to long cool drinks of iced tea and to easy conversations about nothing and everything. Good-bye to those easy, happy waves from passing boaters -- it's not Heaven, it's Canada, to paraphrase Keven Kostner in *Field of Dreams*.

Thank-you to Mom and Dad for putting up with that moody, sarcastic teenager without any ambitions at all. Dad, it is really about relationships -- sorry I doubted you.

Thanks for those summers up at the cottage: black balls, root beer, boating and water skiing, languid days reading Marvel comics and bicycling everywhere -- I'll treasure these memories always. You are both a part of me.

Thank-you to all my friends, acquaintances and total strangers who kindly wrote off my scathing sarcasm as just insecurity and fear, or to that fifth cup of coffee or chocolate bar. Thanks to my teachers, who, having seen everything, saw one more thing when I waltzed into class with giant pea pods from that Catalpa tree in front of the school. To Mr. Rubenstein, my Grade 9 History teacher, I'm sorry that I didn't lead that class discussion on the Victorian Era -- what a shame because it was a fascinating time in our history. It was the first of many opportunities that good people dangled in front of me, and I took the easy road instead.

Thanks to people who, despite the very effective armour that I wore, took the time to show me things, their philosophies, books, lifestyles, paths not travelled and humour. I was blown away by a kind, grey-haired gentleman who bought our lunch one day for no reason at all. Random acts of kindness go a long way. I confess that I've been a very slow learner in this respect.

Thanks to my wife, Allida, my best friend, for putting up with things like missed wedding anniversaries because I was worried about the country! Even so, we both had forgotten how long we've been married until we dug out our wedding license this past August -- 25 years in November. Where has the time gone? Thanks to my kids, or step-kids actually, who taught me more than I taught them.

I thank Maurice and Janet for letting me rant against a government that is more pre-occupied with its version of =>

tribalism, re-badged as official multiculturalism and official bilingualism, than building a fair, sustainable and healthy Canada. A *Dialogue* reader spotted my letter to the Editor in a Sun newspaper back in 2004 and Janet called me for permission to print it: I think it was about Quebec presenting itself internationally as a nation along side Canada: what next, I wondered, Ducks Unlimited? A *Fifth Columnist* was born!

Sure, they ignore us, *Dialogue* readers, but maybe some day the Way will be shown to us all and we will be smart enough to take it. If a giant hand extends from the clouds, this time I'll take it for sure!

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Ladies, have you pondered long and hard about how to get your man to vacuum?

For some of us, the mere thought of cleaning the house or preparing a meal is a threat to our manhood. Of course, this is just plain ridiculous. After all, if these things are essential to being a man, why do we clean our garages and vacuum our cars; and why are most chefs male!

Consider what it is about vacuuming that is so demeaning to a man. When dealing with a man it is essential to know that he considers himself a member of the warrior class, great, powerful, accomplished and sometimes cruel. More than anything, he wants a weapon in his hand and a ninja battle cry on his lips. To a man, vacuuming is, on a macro level, gathering, and not hunting; and therefore, it is women's work!

The solution is to paint your vacuum cleaner a bright yellow and label it "Dewalt" or "Black & Decker". I mentioned this idea to a friend and he quickly added that it should have a throttle and kick-start, too! This turns the feminizing, emasculating vacuum cleaner into a POWER TOOL or HARLEY. By adding a few options such as wall proximity display and dust mite sonar, you can turn it into a WEAPON, and I guarantee that your man won't be able to STOP vacuuming. Dare I mention the vulcanized pistol grip? Hoover, Bissell and Dyson, heed my words.

- **Mike Neilly, Dunrobin ON**

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The Art and Science of Gratitude

The Language of the Heart: Gratitude, Love, Joy and Wonder

Lori A. Leyden, PhD

[EXTRACT] I've been following information developing from New Science investigations in Quantum Physics, Neurocardiology, Consciousness research, Energy Psychology and Positive Psychology.

Imagine how delighted I was to discover that the material I tapped into in my meditations (that lead to *the Grace Process*) is being qualified and quantified by scientific methods.

For the skeptical, I will simply say that soft and hard sciences are beginning to prove that:

- **Our true intelligence lies within our very own hearts;**
- **Gratitude, love, joy and wonder activate the highest vibrational states of our hearts and brains;**
- **These vibrational states expand our consciousness, creativity, intuition, transcendence and sense of connectedness with the Divine;**
- **Our hearts may be connected to a universal heart field, what I call the Divine One Heart;**
- **Gratitude, love, joy and wonder may be the most elegant means of communication with the universal heart field.**

Here is a summary of what is evolving from a variety of scientific inquiries:

From **The HeartMath Institute**: [www.heartmath.org/]

- The first cells to form when you were a fetus were in your heart.
- Your heart began to beat before your brain was formed.
- The heart is a unifying intelligence and has its own brain.
- Neural cells in your heart monitor and maintain control

of the entire mind/brain/body physical process as well as direct connections between the heart and the emotional, cognitive structures of the brain.

- The heart generates the body's most powerful and extensive rhythmic electromagnetic field – 40 to 60 times stronger than the brain – and permeates every cell in our body.
- The electromagnetic field of the heart extends at least eight to 15 feet beyond the average body.
- The heart's electrical field is identical to the electromagnetic field around the earth and acts as a carrier wave for information within the body and outside the body.
- Heartfelt feelings of love, compassion, and gratitude create a uniquely ordered or coherent pattern in the heart's rhythm which harmonizes and reverses the incoherence or damage caused by the stress response.
- Sustained positive emotions like love and gratitude produce a higher resonance in the heart which has also been associated with increased intuition, enhanced consciousness, intentional action and feelings of connectedness.
- One person's brain can actually synchronize to another person's heart – especially when an individual is generating positive emotions.

In his book **The Biology of Transcendence**, **Joseph Chilton Peace** provides more insight from the field of *Neurocardiology* on the impact and importance of our heart-brain connection:

Continue online:

Lori Leyden, <http://tinyurl.com/leydenHeart> ♣

The U.S. and the November Elections

Save the Banks and Kill the Economy

By Prof Rodrigue Tremblay, Montreal QC

Global Research, Sep. 12: <http://tinyurl.com/CRG21009>

"The problems we face today cannot be solved by the minds that created them." *Albert Einstein (1879-1955), Physicist*

"Providing assistance to banks and their borrowers can be counterproductive, resulting in increased losses to banks, which often ... take unproductive risks at government expense. The typical result ... is a deeper hole in the net worth of banks, crippling tax burdens to finance bank bailouts, and even more severe credit supply contraction and economic decline." - *The International Monetary Fund (IMF), Study of financial crises, 1970 to 2007*

It has become a truism to say that the Democrats and the Obama administration now "own" the crucial issue of the economy. Justly or unjustly, voters are bound to hold them accountable for the poor state of the U.S. economy. This is not an enviable political position to be in just before an election, at a time when disgusted voters are most angry and very anxious about the economy and their economic future. Recent polls indicate that nearly two-thirds of Americans think their nation is in a state of decline and that the economy will remain in the same recessionary state or get worse next year.

Contrary to what President Franklin D. Roosevelt did in the 1930s, President Barack Obama did not confront the banking industry head-on after fraudulent practices caused one of the worst financial crises in U.S. history. In particular, he did not reverse the blanket financial deregulation that the Clinton and Bush administrations engineered in 1999, in 2000, in 2004, in 2005 and in 2007 that allowed for creating mortgage-linked synthetic subprime securities and for betting against them. Instead, his economic operatives (Geithner, Summers, Bernanke, Orszag, Emanuel, (L.A.) Sachs, Romer, Bair, ...etc.) threw trillions of public dollars to the largest banks, allowing top bankers to keep enjoying hundreds of million of dollars in yearly bonuses, at a time when some 300,000 Americans are losing their homes through foreclosures every month. Such a persistent epidemic of home foreclosures is creating a tremendous drag on the economy, besides being a social disaster. The system that is responsible for so many home foreclosures has not been fixed, although valiant attempts have been made to mitigate the process.

Meanwhile, also with the intention of saving the largest banks, regulators began pressing the banks to raise capital asset ratios and to shrink their risk assets. The Bernanke Fed went so far as to lend money to the largest banks at zero interest rate, while paying interest on the excess reserves the banks kept at the Fed, a practice that resulted in an outright gift to the banks.

All these policies have resulted in tightening credit availability and in provoking the largest plunge in the M3 money supply since the Great Depression. As long as this condi-

tion endures, there won't be any substantial economic recovery in the United States.

Just as Obama did for the wars, when he kept in position and even promoted Bush operatives Gates and Petraeus, Obama kept or brought back as his economic team some of the very Wall Street-connected people who were responsible for creating the conditions that led to the financial crisis in the first place.

Now, at mid-term, President Barack Obama is saddled with the devastating image of a defender and promoter of Bush's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and is viewed by many as having sided with Wall Street bankers against Main Street folks, just as George W. Bush did with his Goldman Sachs-connected Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and his banking bailouts. To many Americans, indeed, the Obama administration looks more and more like a third-term Bush II administration. For many Americans, it's a nightmare.

The biggest mistake that President Barack Obama seems to have made, at the beginning of his mandate, was to not disassociate himself more clearly from the previous Bush administration. Now, it's too late, and unfortunately for him and the divided Democrats, they are poised to suffer the wrath of an enraged and disillusioned electorate. Indeed, with U.S. real unemployment rate hovering around 17 percent, with 3 out of 4 workers telling pollsters that they doubt that their wages will increase next year, with many American households' financial situation deteriorating, with home foreclosures approaching 10 million, with huge fiscal deficits and future tax hikes likely, with the Bernanke Fed adopting third-world monetary policies in monetizing the public debt, and with an overall anemic economic growth, the Obama administration and the Democratic Congress are going into the November 2 midterm elections with many monkeys on their backs and very little public confidence.

The only thing that runs in their favor is the poor quality and vision of their Republican opponents who have followed an obstructionist strategy and have sided time and again with lobbyists, thus blocking most attempts to straighten things up. Only a credible campaign to persuade the electorate in extremis that Democrat incumbents are "less worse" than their Republican opponents, coupled with a high turnout at the polls could prevent a Democratic bloodbath in the U.S. Congress, especially in the House of Representatives, in November. If not, President Barack Obama will officially become a lame-duck president after November 2, and Congress will be paralyzed at a very crucial time when strong leadership is required to get out of the economic mess. This is a most unappealing perspective.

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Progress toward 9/11 Truth

The scientific forensic facts

Evidence refutes the official 9/11 investigation

AE911Truth Delivers the Evidence: Press Conference - National Press Club – Washington DC

By Richard Gage and Gregg Roberts

Global Research, Oct 13, 2010

Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth - 2010-10-04

[CRG Ed. – This is the actual 10-minute statement read by Richard Gage, AIA, to the media at the AE911Truth press conference at the National Press Club, Washington DC on Sep. 9, 2010]

[EXTRACT] Good afternoon, my name is Richard Gage, AIA. I'm a member of the American Institute of Architects; I've been a licensed architect for 22 years; And I'm the founder of the non-profit organization, Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911Truth).

As a group, we now have more than 1,270 architect and engineer petition signers. Collectively, we have more than 25,000 years of building and technical experience. This press conference is being given by our petition signers and supporters today in 65 [it turned out to be 67] locations around the world, including 30 states and 4 countries.

Today, we're here to inform you that we have uncovered evidence that the official investigations into what happened to the World Trade Center skyscrapers on 9/11 were deeply flawed, or worse. The scientific forensic facts we have discovered have very troubling implications.

For example, a technologically advanced, highly energetic material has been discovered in World Trade Center dust from the 9/11 catastrophe.

This follows the discovery, by the United States Geological Survey and others, of high concentrations of unusual previously molten iron-rich microspheres in the WTC dust. These microspheres can only have been formed during the destruction of the World Trade Center at temperatures far higher than can be explained by the jet fuel and office fires. Those fires, we are told by engineers employed by NIST, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, were allegedly the cause of the World Trade Center's destruction. The discovery of this advanced energetic material, in the form of red/gray chips distributed throughout the dust, both explains the iron-rich microspheres and confirms the inadequacy of the official account of what happened that tragic day.

Even before the microspheres and red/gray chips had been identified and brought to our attention, we were deeply concerned about other aspects of the destruction of these iconic buildings, and how they were investigated. More than two dozen firefighters, engineers, and other witnesses reported seeing substantial quantities of molten iron or steel, flowing like lava in the debris under all three World Trade Center high-rises. Office fires and jet fuel cannot possibly reach the temperatures necessary to liquefy iron or

steel. A mixture called thermite, consisting of pulverized iron oxide and aluminum, CAN generate temperatures above 4000°F -- far more than is needed to melt iron or steel, which melts at about 2750°F.

The energetic material that was found in the WTC dust by an international team of scientists (led by Niels Harrit of the University of Copenhagen in Denmark) was reported in the peer-reviewed Bentham Open Journal of Chemical Physics. It consists of nano-engineered iron oxide and aluminum particles 1000th the size of a human hair, embedded in another substance consisting of carbon, oxygen, and silicon. The sizes of the iron oxide particles are extremely uniform, and neither they nor the ultra-fine-grain aluminum platelets could possibly have been created by a natural process such as a gravitational collapse or the impact of jetliners. The red/gray chips in which these particles were found exhibit the same characteristics as advanced energetic materials developed in US national laboratories in the years leading up to 9/11. They have no reason to be in this dust. Given all the horrific costs in human lives, lost civil liberties, and trillions of tax dollars spent in response to the official account of 9/11, there can be no more urgent need than for our country and the world to find out who put those materials in the World Trade Center – and why.

This need makes it all the more disturbing that top engineers in charge of the government's investigation would avoid dealing straightforwardly with ALL the evidence that AE911Truth and others have repeatedly brought to their attention, much of which has been available in the public record since the beginning. John Gross, NIST co-project leader, has denied the existence of – or even any reports of – molten iron or steel at the World Trade Center. They stopped their analysis of the towers' complete and highly energetic destruction at the very point when the destruction began. And they have dismissed or avoided serious analysis of the additional evidence with which we are concerned [...] FULL ARTICLE ONLINE AT GLOBAL RESEARCH.CA: <http://tinyurl.com/GR21436> / Detailed information is available in the DVD, 9/11: Blueprint for Truth – The Architecture of Destruction, which is available on the website, at: www.AE911Truth.org ♣

Why the U.S. has launched a new financial world war - & how the rest of the world will fight back:

[Oct 12, 2010] Michael Hudson: Finance is the new form of warfare -- without the expense of a military overhead and an occupation against unwilling hosts. It is a competition in credit creation to buy foreign resources, real estate, public and privatized infrastructure, bonds and corporate stock ownership. [...] READ ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/MHud148481> ♣

Global Stories

Why the US doesn't want to talk to Iran

Ismael Hossein-zadeh and Karla Hansen, US

[EXTRACTS] (I)t is naive to think that US imperialism would be swayed by gentle or polite language to lift economic sanctions or remove military threats against Iran. During his two terms in office (eight years), former president Mohammad Khatami frequently spoke of a "dialogue of civilizations", counterposing it to the US neo-conservatives' "clash of civilizations". This was effectively begging the United States for dialogue and diplomatic rapprochement, but the pleas fell on deaf ears. Why? Because US policy toward Iran (or any other country, for that matter) is based on an imperialistic agenda that consists of a series of demands or expectations, not on diplomatic decorum, or the type of language its leaders use. These include Iran's giving up its

lawful and legitimate right to civilian nuclear technology, opening up its public domain and/or state-owned industries to debt-leveraging and privatization schemes of the predatory finance capital of the West, as well as its compliance with US-Israeli geopolitical designs in the Middle East. [...]

US foreign policy decisions, especially in the Middle East, seem to be driven not so much by broad national interests as they are by narrow (but powerful) special interests, not so much by "peace dividends" as they are by "war dividends". These powerful special interests, represented largely by the military-security and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee forces, tend to perceive international peace and stability, especially in the Middle East, as detrimental to their interests...

[Received from David Creighton, S. McDowall]

ONLINE: www.informationclearinghouse.info/article26480.htm ♣

Tomgram: Pepe Escobar, Pipelineistan's New Silk Road

Tom Engelhardt, TomDispatch.com

[Oct 12, 2010] Back before email, a world traveler who wanted to keep in touch and couldn't just pop into the nearest Internet café might drop you a series of postcards from one exotic locale after another. Pepe Escobar, that edgy, peripatetic globe-trotting reporter for one of my favorite on-line publications, Asia Times, has been doing just that for TomDispatch readers as he explores the geography that undergirds our civilization, the pipelines that crisscross Eurasia through which flow energy -- and trouble. This, then, is his fourth "postcard" from what he likes to call Pipelineistan. The first in March 2009 began laying out a great, ongoing energy struggle across Eurasia and the Great Game of business, diplomacy, and proxy war between Russia and the U.S. that went with it. In May of that year, he plunged eastward into tumultuous Central and South Asia and the expanding battleground that, in Washington, goes by the neologism Af-Pak (for the Afghanistan-Pakistan theater of operations). Next, in October, he headed west toward Europe and another developing struggle, which he dubbed "Pipelineistan's Ultimate Opera", over just how natural gas from the Caspian Sea would reach Europe. Now, in his first stop of 2010, he heads where, it seems, anyone interested in energy -- maybe anyone interested in anything at all -- more or less has to head these days: China and the new Silk Road of pipelines that offer the former Middle Kingdom a partial shot at future energy security and Washington future anxieties of all sorts. **Tom**

China's Pipelineistan "War": Anteing Up, Betting, and Bluffing in the New Great Game
By Pepe Escobar

Future historians may well agree that the twenty-first century Silk Road first opened for business on December 14, 2009. That was the day a crucial stretch of pipeline officially went

into operation linking the fabulously energy-rich state of Turkmenistan (via Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan) to Xinjiang Province in China's far west. Hyperbole did not deter the spectacularly named Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov, Turkmenistan's president, from bragging, "This project has not only commercial or economic value. It is also political. China, through its wise and farsighted policy, has become one of the key guarantors of global security."

The bottom line is that, by 2013, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong will be cruising to ever more dizzying economic heights courtesy of natural gas supplied by the 1,833-kilometer-long Central Asia Pipeline, then projected to be operating at full capacity. And to think that, in a few more years, China's big cities will undoubtedly also be getting a taste of Iraq's fabulous, barely tapped oil reserves, conservatively estimated at 115 billion barrels, but possibly closer to 143 billion barrels, which would put it ahead of Iran. When the Bush administration's armchair generals launched their Global War on Terror, this was not exactly what they had in mind. [...]

Read more of this dispatch:

<http://tinyurl.com/TDpipelineistan>

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His latest book is [*Obama Does Globalistan*](#). ♣

Chile's ghosts not being rescued

By John Pilger

In his latest column for the New Statesman, written as the 33 Chilean miners were brought to the surface after their epic rescue, John Pilger describes the unspoken life in Chile behind the media facade that the government of President Sebastian Pinera has skilfully exploited.

Oct. 14, 2010 -The rescue of 33 miners in Chile is an extraordinary drama filled with pathos and heroism. It is also a media windfall for the Chilean government, whose =>

every beneficence is recorded by a forest of cameras. One cannot fail to be impressed. However, like all great media events, it is a façade.

The accident that trapped the miners is not unusual in Chile and the inevitable consequence of a ruthless economic system that has barely changed since the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet. Copper is Chile's gold, and the frequency of mining disasters keeps pace with prices and profits. There are, on average, 39 fatal accidents every year in Chile's privatised mines. The San Jose mine, where the men work, became so unsafe in 2007 it had to be closed – but not for long. On 30 July last, a labour department report

warned again of “serious safety deficiencies”, but the minister took no action. Six days later, the men were entombed. For all the media circus at the rescue site, contemporary Chile is a country of the unspoken. At the Villa Grimaldi, in the suburbs of the capital Santiago, a sign says: “The forgotten past is full of memory.” This was the torture centre where hundreds of people were murdered and disappeared for opposing the fascism that General Augusto Pinochet and his business allies brought to Chile. Its ghostly presence is overseen by the beauty of the Andes, and the man who unlocks the gate used to live nearby and remembers the screams. [...] <http://tinyurl.com/JPchile590> ♣

RAFE HERE ...

From Rafe Mair, Vancouver BC:

[EMAIL] I don't often do this but I highly recommend clicking on the website below and watching this fantastic interview of the great spy novelist, John le Carré (David Cornwell). You will not be sorry, I assure you!

ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/DNJLCoct13>

[Audio file & article by Amy Goodman, Democracy Now]

[EXTRACT FROM AMY GOODMAN]: *British Novelist John le Carré on the Iraq War, Corporate Power, the Exploitation of Africa and his new novel, "Our Kind Of Traitor."*

Today, we spend the hour, in a national broadcast exclusive, with world-renowned British novelist John le Carré, the pen name of David Cornwell. Le Carré's writing career spans half a century, during which he has established himself as a master spy writer. His latest novel, his 22nd, is out this week, entitled “Our Kind of Traitor.” David Cornwell worked in the British Secret services from the late 1950s

until the early 1960s, at the height of the Cold War. His third novel, “The Spy Who Came in from the Cold” became an international bestseller. As the Cold War ended, le Carré continued to write prolifically, shifting focus to the inequities of globalization, unchecked multinational corporate power, and the role national spy services play in protecting corporate interests. “The things that are done in the name of the shareholder are, to me, as terrifying as the things that are done — dare I say it — in the name of God,” le Carré tells *Democracy Now*. Perhaps best known among his many post-Cold War novels is “The Constant Gardener”, depicting a pharmaceutical company's exploitation of unwitting Kenyans for dangerous, sometimes fatal, drug tests. In this rare U.S. interview, le Carré also discusses Tony Blair's role in the Iraq war, U.S. policy toward Iran and international money laundering. [...] [Read more from Rafe at www.rafeonline.com] ♣

Book review: The Global Economic Crisis

Gerry Masuda, Duncan BC

I think Chossudovsky's book, The Global Economic Crisis, can have a profound impact if enough activists read it to understand what has deliberately been forced on us.

I have ordered three books, which I will be donating to the library. This how important I feel the book is at this crucial time.

I don't feel empowered to act until I understand the issues involved. Chossudovsky's book helps individuals like me to gain the understanding we need before we can act.

The book exposes the deliberate fraud involved. The book will help arouse emotions which will help activists get into action.

I read the book as quickly as I could and was overwhelmed and unable to write a short book review. I was into my second reading when I realized that the preface captured all the main ideas. I therefore copy and pasted the material that follows (right)... I feel the most important issue is to get lots of individuals reading the book. ~ **Gerry**

“The Global Economic Crisis: The Great Depression of the XXI Century, edited by Michel Chossudovsky and Andrew Gavin Marshall, explains the current financial crisis in a systematic manner, helping the reader to understand the complicated issues involved.

“The current financial crisis was deliberately engineered to transfer vast amounts of wealth from We the People to a small number of banking elites through fraud – as is done in all bank engineered financial crises

“The bank bailouts were implemented on the instructions of Wall Street, leading to the largest transfer of money wealth in recorded history.” - **Extract from the Preface**
Ideas developed in the book are:

The Myth of Economic Recovery; Financial Fraud; The failure of Mainstream Economics; Poverty and Social Inequality; and War and the Economic Crisis

Part I: The Global Crisis focuses on the financial deregulation and speculation, the role of the American Empire, the political economy of the crisis, the central role of monetary policy, the critique of neoliberalism, and the central role ⇒

of debt. **Part II:** Global Poverty analyzes the rising tide of poverty and social inequality. **Part III:** War, National Security and World Government examine the relationship between the economic crisis, National Security, the US-NATO led war and world government. **Part IV:** The Global Monetary System covers the history of central banking, creation of a global central bank and global currency through the Bank of International Settlements, and its debt-based monetary system. **Part V:** The Shadow Banking System describes how it triggered the 2008 meltdown of financial markets through the Wall Street Ponzi scheme. The authors force us to confront the fact that humanity is at a crossroads of the most serious economic and social crisis in modern history.

Buy the book for yourself and buy a second copy and donate it your library. Talk about the ideas among your friends and colleagues. Help get the word out. Perhaps if enough people understand the issues involved We the People will be able to create a ground swell which could delay/derail the rush to The New World Order. ♣

BOOK LAUNCH: The Global Economic Crisis, The Great Depression of the XXI Century

Global Research Publishers. Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG), 2010, ISBN 978-0-9737147-3-9 (416 pages). The Centre for Research on Globalization announced the launching of The Global Economic Crisis, The Great Depression of the XXI Century, by Michel Chossudovsky and Andrew Gavin Marshall (Editors) on Sep. 30, 2010 ONLINE AT: <http://tinyurl.com/GR21010> ♣

Another alternative to the status quo

From Gerry Masuda, Duncan BC

In the last issue of *Dialogue* magazine on pages 20-24, there were extended comments on my letters and comments to the letters published under the heading A Discussion on Alternatives to the Status Quo

I would like to clarify my thinking based on the feedback I received. The major 'break-through' thought of using Two Lists to unify We the People around our common self-interests was not commented on in the last issue of *Dialogue* magazine.

Briefly, workers make up over 95% of tax paying Canadians. The question I asked was "Why, with such an overwhelming majority, don't *We the People* dictate the direction of governments? This question arose because of the peaceful revolutions in South America where the long neglected and abused aboriginals, through their numbers, took over governments in Venezuela, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

Why can't *We the People* unite around our self-interests and our numbers to take political power in Canada?

We the People currently vote for the corporate sponsored Conservative and Liberal parties rather than the NDP.

NATO's Secret Armies

By Stephen Lendman

15 September 2010, Countercurrents.org

In his book, "NATO's Secret Armies: Operation GLADIO and Terrorism in Western Europe", Daniele Ganser described their clandestine Cold War operations, run by European secret services, collaborating with NATO, the CIA and Britain's MI6 and Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) against a possible Soviet invasion, internal communist takeovers, or others on the political left gaining power.

The network included France, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Greece, Luxemburg, as well as politically neutral European countries - Austria, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland.

Named "Gladio" (Latin for double-edged sword), NATO's armies remained secret until August 1990, when then Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti confirmed Italy's participation in testimony before a Senate subcommittee investigating terrorism, General Vito Miceli, former Italian military secret service director, saying in protest: "I have gone to prison because I did not want to reveal the existence of this super secret organization. And now Andreotti... tells... parliament!" [...] CONTINUE READING:

www.countercurrents.org/lendman150910.htm ♣

I suggest a simple but effective way to rally and unite *We the People* is to clearly define our self-interests. We also need a 'don't want list' to completely define our self-interests. I would particularly welcome comments on this central idea of the Two Lists for this is the central issue in my argument.

We can develop these Two Lists using Dialogue Circles and Wisdom Councils. By forming a consensus in the process of developing these two lists, *We the People* could generate interest, understanding, participation, commitment, a sense of direction, pride, unity among ourselves, and the publicity to get our various drafts of our Two Lists out to the public.

If we succeed in winning the support of the majority of *We the People*, we would force political parties to come to us to bargain how much of our Want and Don't Want List each is willing to commit to. This is political power.

The NDP is the party most likely to adopt *We the People's* Two Lists. Once the NDP party does this, it sets the direction for the NDP party leader and provided *We the People* with a means of holding him accountable. ⇒

In this way, *We the People*, with our numbers, and our Want and Don't Want Lists, can implemented them without having to form a new party. This could be achieved be-

tween elections rather than the decades it would take to set up a new party.

~ **Gerry Masuda, Duncan**, gerry.masuda@gmail.com ♣

Feedback

From Helen Busch, Powassan ON: **Re Monarch Butterflies**

Hi – just received your latest edition of *Dialogue* with the Monarch butterfly cover. I have raised and released many, many thousands the past 15 years. In 2007, I raised over 2,600. I spent at least 6 hours, 7 days a week collecting, feeding and rearranging them into boxes. I have given thousands away to children and others to watch them hatch. This year I only raised about 600.

It was too hot some days to even go out to my trap line. I have tried several places to get tags for them, as I could tag them before release, but no one knows how to get them. The MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources) was no help, they told me I could be fined or thrown in jail for what I was doing. ♣

From Rheta Hunking, London ON: **Country in a sad state**

[from Nov. 09] I want to tell you my friends that I got the *Dialogue* magazine for last Christmas; really enjoyed reading it, so I have renewed it again...

Our Country is in a sad state and laws are anything but fair. The so-called Human Rights is a disgrace. I don't understand how Stephen Harper can tolerate that bunch. It is very difficult when you have a minority government to get some things changed. I don't find it a happy world anymore. Many want to put God on the back burner, but they will be the people that get burned. The more God is left out, the worse the country becomes, and we can see it... One gets so much information in the *Dialogue* and many articles are not happy and encouraging news of the things that are going on in our country.

(Give little Penny a hug for me.) ♣

"Ramblings"

My Friend Rudolph

Randy Vancourt



Her name was Billie Mae Richards, but the world knew her as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. That's right, the voice of Rudolph on the classic 1964 Christmas TV special was really a girl; but unlike the famous outcast reindeer, no one ever made fun of her. She was a wonderful, funny, talented actor,

dancer and musician, and everyone who met her loved her immediately.

We lost Billie on September 10th of this year, at the age of 88. I was at a friend's cottage when I heard the news of her death on CBC Radio. It struck me as odd that the report never mentioned a word about her extensive work history at the Mother Corp, where she had provided dozens of voices for radio shows as diverse as "*This Was My Father*," "*What Makes Sammy Run*" and "*My Friend Ned*." Most famous of her CBC work was giving voice to The Kid on "*Jake And The Kid*." That's right – she was playing a boy long before Rudolph came along.

I knew Billie, and as I began searching for information on her passing I discovered something unfortunate. It seemed that the Canadian media had virtually ignored the story. She was written up in *People Magazine*, *Variety*, *The Los*

Angeles Times – she was even eulogized on the NBC *Nightly News*. But in Canada, the country of her birth, the country she served in WW II, the country where she spent her entire performing life creating iconic characters and providing entertainment for millions, all I could find was a quick mention here and there; nothing of any consequence.

I was shocked and saddened, but not surprised. Our media would much rather report on a recent scandal by any flash in the pan American starlet than celebrate the contributions of one of our own.

With Christmas approaching, I'd like to offer my memories of this amazing woman whose voice has now graced our holiday season for 46 years.

She had long become accustomed to people's disbelief upon learning that she was **Rudolph**, so within the first few minutes of conversation she would slip into her most famous voice and offer a line from the show such as, "*Clarice thinks I'm cuuuuute!*" After hearing her say a few lines of dialogue there was no doubt about who one was dealing with.

I had the great good fortune to be able to perform on stage with Billie on several occasions. We were part of a live stage show about the history of theatre in Toronto, and ⇒

we did a Christmas-themed show together. Each time we performed a show, Billie was the highlight. All she had to do was walk onstage and say a few of her famous lines and the audience went crazy.

Billie was born to be an entertainer. She began as a child singer, dancer and accordion player in Toronto vaudeville of the 1920's. By the time she was 6 she was performing in a variety show called "*The Merry Makers*" alongside those Canadian icons of World War I, *The Dumbells*.

This was where our stories again converged, for in 1990

I toured with a stage musical called *The Legend of The Dumbells*, playing Jack Ayre, the company's pianist. She continued performing live and on radio throughout the 1930's.

During World War II, Billie decided to serve her country by joining the navy.

It wasn't long before she was asked to become part of the "*Meet The Navy*" show, touring Canada and playing in London, Paris and Brussels.

Back home after the War, she embarked on a highly successful radio career throughout the 1950's, where she specialized in providing voices for young male characters. Dozens and dozens of them, which ultimately led to Rudolph.

Although the holiday special was an American production, the producers came to Canada because our voice artists were considered superior to the ones in the United States. In fact the entire cast of Rudolph came from Toronto and included many well know radio and TV actors of the day.

Unfortunately "Rudolph" was produced prior to the days when actors started to receive residuals for their work,

meaning they got paid a one-time fee for performing the voices. The producers of this show that has aired consistently for over four decades and sold millions of recordings, toys, videos and DVDs, never saw fit to pay a single dime to the actors who help make them so successful.

Billie provided *Rudolph's* voice for two subsequent animated specials, and went on to create voices for many other cartoons series including "*Spiderman*," "*Captain Nemo*" and "*The Care Bears*." She continued to be active in voice, film and TV work well into her early 80's, only slowing down in the past few years due to ill health.

At her recent memorial, her daughter told a story that summed up Billie's work ethic. She was undergoing physiotherapy in recent years to help her recover from a stroke. During one session, her nurse suggested they take a

break. Billie sat up straight and said, "No. I'm a soldier!" Even in a hospital room, she was always ready to work.

This Christmas as I indulge in the annual ritual of watching "*Rudolph*," Billie will be in my thoughts. She spent 80 years as a performer and left a legacy few can match, setting the bar pretty high for all the rest of us who work in entertainment.

So Billie, on behalf of everyone whose lives you touched with your friendship, humour and talent, let me assure you you'll live on in our hearts always. And oh yes, "We think you're cuuuuuute!"

- **Randy Vancourt, 'on the road' in Winnipeg**

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PS: The Sudbury Theatre Centre was thrilled that *dialogue* ran a photo from the show in the last issue! ♣



Billie Mae Richards

Nov. 21, 1921 – Sep. 10, 2010

Dealing With Stress The State of Ease

Doc Childre, founder of HeartMath®

One of the first things most of us do when children (or adults) are overwhelmed with inner turbulence is: we instinctively try to calm them down into a state of ease before starting to sort out solutions. Why do we do this? Because we intuitively sense that the state of ease helps us to get back in our heart which helps to re-stabilize the mind and emotions-this re-connects us with our reasoning capacity and clear view. As we grow into adults we occasionally remember the wisdom of such practices, but it's often after the fact and after much personal energy drain. This article suggests a few advantages of accessing our state of inner-

ease, not just for bailing out of emotional turbulence, but to use throughout the day for maintaining connection and coherent alignment between the heart, mind and emotions.

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"Your Health Matters"

Outside the Box

Derrick Lonsdale, M.D., Strongsville OH



The "box" is a traditional way of describing actions that are the acceptable norms of the day. We have found that the "box" in a given profession like medicine has been repeatedly outdated.

Professionals that get outside the current "box" are invariably laughed at and ignored or persecuted, depending largely on the perceived distance from the currently acceptable.

There are many classic examples of this in my profession and I am sure that it applies to people in other professions. It requires an unusual perception to make a jump out of a professional "box" and a similar perception is required of colleagues. Unfortunately, colleague appreciation is extremely rare and this is often understandable. Sometimes an innovation will literally trash the lifework of a given individual who has been at the center of the current "box".

The best modern example of unusual perception was an initiation speech given to a new intake of students by the dean to Harvard medical students. He said: ***"please remember that fifty percent of what we teach you here will be wrong. The only trouble is that we don't know which fifty percent!"***

Perhaps the most classic example is one that is well known in the medical profession. Semmelweis was a Hungarian physician who discovered in 1847 that the incidence of post delivery puerperal fever could be drastically reduced by the attending physicians washing their hands with a chlorinated lime solution. His observations were based on the concept that there was "something carried on the hands of the physicians" and this conflicted with the established medical opinions of the time, "the box". The theory of diseases at the time was highly influenced by ideas of an imbalance of the basic "four humours" in the body, a theory known as dyscrasia, for which the main treatment was bloodletting.

Specifically, Semmelweis's claims were thought to lack scientific basis, since he could offer no acceptable explanation for his findings. This flies in the face of the fact that there was no evidence whatsoever of scientific support for dyscrasia. Of course, we all know now that the germ theory of disease confirmed that these observations made sense and today Semmelweis is regarded as the original pioneer that led eventually to the antibiotic era. Poor old Semmelweis was subjected to an appalling state of personal rejection and died in an asylum.

Even Louis Pasteur spent twenty percent of his time in making his discoveries and eighty percent trying to make them accepted. It is now considered that he introduced the

first paradigm shift in therapy, the idea of "killing the enemy." After eventual acceptance of the fact that organisms that could only be seen with a microscope were causing disease, the obvious approach was to try to find ways and means of killing them without killing the patient. It led to years of frustrating and dangerous treatments but the discovery of penicillin partially changed that, although the present antibiotic era has its own problems as we all know. It is of absorbing interest that Pasteur is said to have stated on his death bed that ***"I was wrong: it is the body's defenses that matter."***

Another modern example of predictable rejection is the discovery of magnetic resonance imaging, now generally referred to as MRI. The initial discoveries were made by Raymond Damadian who was called a "mad scientist" while working on this theme. Paul Lauterbur of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Sir Peter Mansfield of the University of Nottingham were awarded the 2003 Nobel Prize in Physiology of Medicine for their "discoveries concerning magnetic resonance imaging."

Damadian was ignored and in an interview done later, he was asked how you can spot an innovator. His answer was ***"Oh that is easy; he is the guy with all the arrows in his back."***

It seems to me that we are passing through an extraordinarily important example of this in modern medicine, what I think of as "the second paradigm shift" paradoxically introduced by Louis Pasteur on his deathbed. If this is true, then we have to ask the question of ourselves: **What is disease and how can we prevent it? Should we really be trying to assist the body defenses rather than trying to kill the enemy or should we be trying to do both at the same time in the safest manner possible?**

My forecast for the immediate future is that both paradigms must be established and that is exactly what Complementary Alternative Medicine is trying to establish. I will try to address the concept as I see it. How do we approach the subject of body defense, the important correlate to killing the enemy?

It is true that I might be repeating myself, but repetition sometimes helps a message to stick. We have an estimated 70 to 100 trillion cells that make up an adult human body. Each one is genetically endowed with a program that enables them all to work together to form function. It is impossible for this to happen without proper communication, so we have a computer in the brain called the limbic system. We know that it is a computer because it regulates and controls all our defenses automatically, perhaps the best known being the fight-or-flight reflex that enables us to perform superhuman actions. It initiates our emotions. ⇒

Outside the Box, contd.

The more sophisticated brain gives “advice and consent”. It is known that for every message that goes from the brain to the bowel, there are 9 messages that go from the bowel to the brain. In fact, the brain “talks” to all the organs in the body and they “talk” back to the brain. One of the most important areas of research is the study of messengers.

This discussion, so far, is about to lead us outside the “box” because the brain/body relationship is not generally thought to be as important as I am implying here. I began to look over the side of the “box” when I was a resident in my teaching hospital. It was before the antibiotic era had become standard procedure and all we had was M&B, a code name for sulfonamide. One night, I admitted a middle-aged man to hospital with pneumonia. It was also known that he had tuberculosis. In the morning, my chief was standing behind me in the ward entrance and said quietly, “I see that you have a dying patient”. He pointed out that the man was extending an arm toward the ceiling and “picking at thin air,” a sign, he said, of toxic brain. When he died, autopsy showed that his entire body was riddled with small staphylococcal abscesses. He never had a raised temperature and the laboratory reports were all normal. He did not have the slightest sign of a defensive reaction to his overwhelming infections. He did indeed have a sick brain!

In the 1960s I had to leap out of the “box” when I was confronted with a six-year old boy with intermittent episodes of cerebellar ataxia. The cerebellum governs balance and when one of these episodes struck him, it was always in association with a mild infection, a mild head injury and even after an inoculation. He would lose his balance, develop slurred speech and behave as though he was affected by alcohol. Each of these illnesses would last about 10 days and he would recover spontaneously without any treatment.

It turned out that he had a defect in a vital enzyme that governs the processing of sugar in the synthesis of cellular energy. This enzyme only works properly with vitamin B1 and magnesium, two agents, derived from diet, called co-factors. A colleague at the National Institutes of Health was able to show that this boy’s defect was in the vitamin B1 component. He required enormous doses of the vitamin, a condition known as vitamin dependency, a relatively rare genetically determined phenomenon. When he was given 300 milligrams of vitamin B1 (the normal requirement is 1.5 mg/day) his episodes ceased. Whenever he began a cold or minor infection he would double this dose.

It was this case that set me off on an exploratory journey into the library that continues to this day, for it became increasingly obvious that the brain/body relationship is vital to our understanding of disease. I liken the body to a fortress that has to be defended against a multitude of microscopic foes that make their point by attacking us to ascer-

tain whether we are fit “experimental” subjects in the “Great Plan” of evolution, wherever that leads us. The “command post” is in the limbic brain computer and its activity depends on its heavy consumption of oxygen that is the prime nutrient in the manufacture of cellular energy. The oxygen that we inhale is delivered to the tissues where it must be used in the complex machinery that governs the life-giving process of oxidation. In the entire body, the tissue to be affected first is the brain computer, and our ability to adapt to the stresses and strains of survival is affected. This was the message that was given to us by the great Hans Selye who called modern diseases “the diseases of adaptation”.

Selye was a Hungarian who observed that sick patients always “looked alike” in their facial expression and body habits, no matter what name the professor gave to the disease. He concluded that the thing that they all had in common was the stress of the disease itself. He immigrated to Canada and set up his “Stress Institute” in Montreal, producing his important paper on the **General Adaptation Syndrome** in 1946. I am proud to say that I had the privilege of visiting him at his Institute many years ago. His work is still largely unrecognized but I predict that it will become increasingly important to our understanding of disease as the years roll on. My belief is that Canadians should be very proud of Selye’s Canadian association and his formulation of the General Adaptation Syndrome. He was, like Linus Pauling (whom I also visited), outside the “box”. If he is not vindicated yet, he certainly will be!

— **Derrick Lonsdale, M.D.**

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The soil, whose gentle perfume rises, steals
The evening air, so still.

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To speak to us of peace

And nature’s everlasting drive toward perfection,
Such harmony to our senses seems to show
Pattern and design.

Derrick Lonsdale ♣

Alternative Medicine Takes on Cancer – And Wins

The following cogent review by Helke Ferrie on Dr. Nicholas Gonzalez's, forthcoming book, [A Clinical Trial](#), provides compelling case to attend his workshop and read the book. – Chris Gupta, <http://tinyurl.com/2bf9knh>

Book Review by Helke Ferrie

As the keynote speaker at Whole Life Expo 2010 [Toronto, Nov. 26-28], immunologist Dr. Nicholas Gonzalez will conduct a workshop on his renowned cancer therapy, entitled: “Alternative Medicine Takes on Cancer – And Wins.” Over the past decade, this cancer therapy appears to have so enraged the medical establishment, the pharmaceutical industry, and the regulatory system with its success, especially with the worst cancers (pancreatic and ovarian), that a gargantuan effort has been made to derail the formal clinical trial intended to examine this therapy.

[A Clinical Trial](#), his new book on that collusion between the highest levels of research and government, will be launched at the Expo on the weekend of November 26.

It is said that the pen is mightier than the sword. In this case the pen (or keyboard) of Dr. Gonzalez is a sword as well, and it cuts through the apparently impenetrable knots of deception with solid facts. Dr. Gonzalez has a university degree in English literature and worked for years as an investigative journalist for leading American magazines on stories involving fraud and politics. A chance meeting with Linus Pauling contributed to his decision to become a doctor – a cancer doctor – and he trained at the best universities and under legendary cancer researchers. Dr. Gonzalez writes like the best crime fiction writers with the purity, logic, and grace of great science writers, and with all sources meticulously documented. I often held my breath while reading the final draft of the pre-publication manuscript. Such books don't often happen, and when they do, they are events, not just information.

Vitality readers familiar with my work, and previous Expos, have come to realize that the only thing the Cancer Establishment has to offer is expensive treatment that: a) for the most part doesn't really work; b) sometimes prolongs life with cancer for a little while; and c) is based on statistical data that is artfully massaged, and “supported” by clinical research that is increasingly fraudulent and arises from a herd mentality also called bias. Dr. Gonzalez observes that “bias ... is always about feeling comfortable, secure and at ease with the familiar and ... is a fundamental, irrational, often fanatical disdain for someone or something not conforming to the accepted – perhaps a better word is ‘imprinted’ – model, regardless of fact or reason.”

The Gonzalez therapy is fundamentally ecological:

“The health of any ecosystem...depends...on the efficient cycling of many different nutrients. Should the process break down for even one critical element – such as calcium

– the entire system, including its plant and animal populations, collapses, with the failure usually expressed initially as disease. To an ecologist, disease, whether in plant or animal, [is] ... the end result of unusual biologic stress, most often a deficit in nutrient cycling.”

Unfortunately, this ecological principle is destroyed by “heroic” interventions of the cut-burn-and-poison type, which generate medical profits in the billions, effectively disregard the well-being of the patient, and ignore the biochemical realities underlying cancer causation and cure. (Review of G. Faguet's [The War on Cancer](#) in the May 2007 issue Vitality).

The current medical paradigm is so contaminated by fraud that even when fraud is proven, it is usually dismissed in order to maintain established norms at any cost. In [A Clinical Trial](#), Dr. Gonzalez describes many such high profile cases, including bone marrow transplantation for the treatment of breast cancer. He poignantly observes:

“Let's think what would happen if some alternative practitioner promoted a nutritional or herbal regimen that cost up to \$450,000 for a year's worth of therapy, that was extremely toxic and ... killed 10-30% of those ... [who] undergo the treatment, [lacking] legitimate data to support its efficacy, and when tested the extraordinarily positive data reported ultimately proved to be fabricated? That alternative practitioner not only would be the subject of intensive legal and media attack, he or she would be in prison for fraud, for racketeering, you name it. But I know of no oncologist sent to jail [for providing treatments] in the complete absence of legitimate data.”

The astoundingly successful Gonzalez therapy involves “individualized diets, individualized supplement protocols and intensive detoxification. The diets ... range from largely raw food vegetarian, to fatty red meat [depending on the needs of the individual]. The supplement programs also vary considerably, providing vitamins, minerals and trace elements in differing forms and differing doses, as well as glandular and enzyme products, each chosen to meet ... [the] particular need [of the] patient. The detoxification routines ... help the body neutralize and excrete noxious waste products, including those released from dying and dead tumors [and] those toxic substances we take in from our increasingly contaminated environment.”

Fully understanding how the spin in the medical establishment actually works is prerequisite to informed consent – a legal term that has become, in practice, an oxymoron. Yet most of us are neither informed, nor do we have any idea what we are consenting to. Until we understand how we are being deceived, we cannot even recognize factual truth, let alone regain health.

[A Clinical Trial](#) by Dr. Gonzalez will be available for sale at the Whole Life Expo (Nov 26-28, Toronto) at KOS Publishing's ⇒

booth 258. [Dr. Gonzalez himself will be available for book signings following his workshop on Nov. 27 (1- 4pm).

More Expo info at: www.wholelifecanada.com/

(Ed Note: Helke's feature interview with Dr. Gonzalez will be in the Nov. issue of Vitality Magazine.)

ARTICLE IN FULL AT: <http://tinyurl.com/2bf9knh> ♣

The Story about the Ethics of Big Pharma

Received from Don Parker:

"Know your enemy - do not buy their crap!"

Brasscheck is paying a lot of attention to vaccines lately.

Why? Because the US Supreme Court is currently hearing a major vaccination case. Meanwhile, the US news media is providing no relevant context about the issue for people who want to follow the story in an informed way.

The scant info the media does provide is heavily biased and outright distorted in order to put the pharmaceutical industry in a good light.

Here's the real story about ethics of these companies and the people who control them. And this applies to ALL their products...not just vaccinations.

Video: www.brasschecktv.com/page/377.html

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Towards a New Economy and New Politics

By Gus Speth [Received from Mike Nickerson]

In Brief: The U.S. political economy is failing across a broad front—environmentally, socially, economically, and politically. Deep, systemic change is needed to transition to a new economy, one where the acknowledged priority is to sustain human and natural communities. Policies are available to effect this transformation and to temper economic growth and consumerism while simultaneously improving social well-being and quality of life, but a new politics involving a coalescing of progressive communities is needed to realize these policies.

Comment from Mike Nickerson: This article by Gus Speth sums it up nicely. [Quotes & link below]
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SPETH QUOTES SELECTED BY MIKE NICKERSON:

"For the most part, advocates for change have worked within the current system of political economy, but in the end, this approach will not succeed when what is needed is transformative change in the system itself. The case for immediate action on issues like health care and climate change is compelling, but the social and environmental challenges just reviewed will not yield to problem-solving incrementalism. Environmentalists and other progressives have gone down the path of incremental reform for decades, and the results of that experiment are in. The roots of our environmental and social problems are deeply systemic

The Idiot Cycle

A film about what you aren't being told about cancer From S. McDowall, with her comment:

This is about cancer and the corruption of the whole cancer "industry", the corruption of the chemical industry and pharma industry. No one, including our government, is addressing the causes of cancer nor are Canadians asking them to do so.

The Idiot Cycle is a Canadian/French feature-length documentary written, directed and narrated by Emmanuelle Schick Garcia and co-produced by Emmanuelle Schick Garcia and Laila Tahhar; distributed by Upside Television (Havas). It is in English & French (with English subtitles). The film focuses on six major chemical companies (BASF, Bayer, AstraZeneca, Monsanto, Dow Chemical and Dupont) who allegedly produce cancer-causing chemicals and some of which are also invested in and develop cancer treatments. The film then shows how the same chemical companies are now developing and marketing genetically modified crops, which have never been tested for long term health impacts like cancer.

[From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia]

PLAY THE TRAILER at: www.theidiotcycle.com

[www.japanesepopsongs.com/idiotcycle/] ♣ [IMAGE ON P.60]

and thus require transformational change--the shift to a new, sustaining economy ushered in by a new politics. "George Bernard Shaw famously said that all progress depends on not being reasonable. It's time for a large amount of civic unreasonableness. [...] READ ARTICLE ONLINE:

<http://thesolutionsjournal.com/node/619> ♣

Supporting Justice Cohen's inquiry into Fraser River Salmon 100 people in canoes

From: Alex Morton, en route to Vancouver

Oct. 24, 2010: One hundred people slept in a gymnasium in Musqueam and are getting in canoes and paddling to Jericho Beach (Vancouver). We are First Nations from many nations and the neo-indigenous who also now call this land home and we are united in making sure our wild salmon continue to feed our world.

We are gathered to support Justice Cohen in ordering all salmon feedlots on the Fraser sockeye to release their disease records. [People gathered on Oct. 25th, 9 am Vanier Park, Vancouver, to walk with us to the opening of the sockeye inquiry.]

See: www.samonaresacred.org for Twyla Roscovich's newest short film on why this is an issue important to us all.

See my blog for pictures of the journey

<http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/> ♣

Official Inquiry: www.cohencommission.ca/en/ ♣

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