

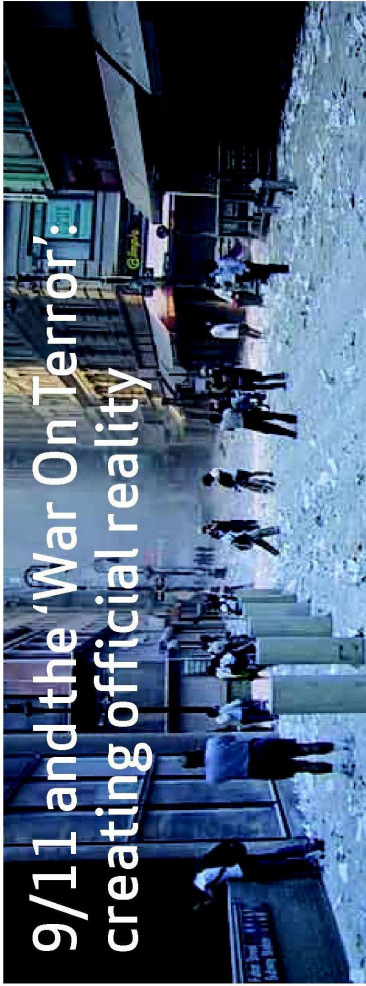
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9/11 and the 'War On Terror': creating official reality



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In progressing through academic studies and disciplines, one of the key activities is the development of critical thinking. In order to develop our understanding of a subject, we should question what we are being told and, sometimes, how the information is being presented. Only when we can answer questions we have about a subject to our satisfaction can we say that we understand that subject. However, perhaps we should pause and consider, can we usefully apply similar critical thinking skills outside our area of study?

For example, when considering daily news reports, how often do we stop and think, 'How accurate is this information?' What is the source? or 'How has this or that conclusion been drawn?' 'Is the information complete?' There are two expressions that are pertinent to the thrust of what I am saying, 'Don't believe what you read in the papers!' and 'Never believe anything until it's been officially denied.' The latter aphorism is attributed variously to Jonathan Lynn and Antony Jay, the writers of 'Yes Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, Otto Bismarck, or Claude Cockburn.

In recent years I have found I have to apply critical thinking much more widely to news reports, following a realization I had, some time in 2004, that the official story of the attacks on 9/11 could not be true. A video I watched clearly showed how the World Trade Centre Towers in New York could not have been destroyed solely as a result of jet impacts and burning jet fuel. It seems strange to some people that anyone should question any of the essential elements of the official story of 9/11, which is now widely recognized as the trigger for the 'War on Terror' – a basis for many significant elements of foreign policy, and even domestic laws.

Once it was highlighted to me in the video (called 9/11 – The Great Illusion, made by George Humphrey), I realized that there is absolutely no way that either of those towers could have been destroyed by about 60,000 gallons of kerosene. Why? Kerosene burns at about 820°C under optimum conditions. The WTC towers collapsed in 8.1 and 10 seconds, respectively – this is (essentially) at a rate of free fall, i.e. they fell with no resistance at all. For this to have happened, all 283 steel beams, which ran (in welded sections) from the top to the bottom of the building, would have to melt through or snap very suddenly.

girders, penetrating quite deeply into the building.

Similar omissions were apparent in a Channel 4 documentary, *The 9-11 Conspiracies* (9 September 2004), and in Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 911* (shown on Channel 4 on 27 January 2005). A brief discussion of the free fall of the towers was included in a 14-minute segment on *The Heaven and Earth Show* (10 September 2006) – a Sunday morning religious programme, not a news or news analysis programme.

A BBC documentary, *9/11 – Conspiracy Files* (18 February 2007), mentioned that steel loses half its structural strength at 600°C. However, the black smoke from the fires in the towers indicates an oxygen-starved fire, which in most places did not even reach 600°C. Also, the buildings were over-engineered and would have remained standing even if the steel had lost half of its structural strength.

So, what did official bodies say about 9/11?

The Kean Commission Report into 9/11, meant to be a 'full and complete accounting of the events of 9/11', has some extremely significant omissions. For example, it does not contain a discussion or analysis of the collapse of WTC 7. Retired Theology Professor, David Ray Griffin, has described this report as 'a 571 page lie'. Griffin is one of a small number of people, with significant academic credentials, who has looked into what really happened on 9/11. An author or editor of over 20 books on Religion and Theology, he stated in an *LA Times* article (28 August 2005), that he believed the official story at first, but when he had looked at a detailed timeline of events he became suspicious. In 2004, following extensive research, he published a book called *The New Pearl Harbor: Disturbing Questions About the Bush Administration and 9/11*. In this book, he examines the 9/11 attacks in the context of a document called *Rebuilding America's Defences*. This document, which was published by the Project for the New American Century (PNAC – 2000), states that PNAC is a project 'to promote American global leadership' and it later refers to the threat of a 'surprise' attack on America 'like a New Pearl Harbor', which could then afford an opportunity to 'transform' America's defences.

Another body in the USA, NIST – the National Institute of Standards and Technology – was tasked with analysing the cause of the destruction of WTC towers 1, 2 and 7. They have still not yet issued their final report for WTC 7. However, their report for WTCs 1 and 2 fails to answer how the 'pancake' collapse theory explains the evidence observed on the day – mainly the speed of collapse and the lack of any 'pancakes' in the WTC rubble (of which there is a distinct lack).

The terms of reference for the production of the final NIST WTC 7 report have now been the subject of a Legal Challenge by Professors Morgan Reynolds (Emertitus, Texas A&M University) and Judy Wood, Professor of Mechanical Engineering (formerly of Clemson University, North Carolina). Their challenge is made as a Request for Correction and they charge that, as it is framed, the NIST study of the WTC 7 collapse will be fraudulent and deceptive.

All readers are encouraged to check my sources and to explore the evidence in the reports above. Do this and it may challenge many aspects of what you took to be true. It may make you ponder what former US Presidential Advisor, Karl Rove really meant when he said, 'We're an Empire now. We create our own reality!'

For further information, see:

9/11 Commission Report in Full
www.9-11commission.gov/report/index.htm
PNAC

www.newamericancentury.org/
NIST 9-11/WTC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
wtc.nist.gov/pubs/factsheets/fsqs.9.2006.htm

www.nomoregames.net - www.drudywood.com - www.911scholars.org - kiltown.911review.org

7/7 and The War on Terror Questioning "Official Reality"

- On 7/7, why did **Peter Power** of Visor Consultants state that his organisation was running an exercise at the same time as the actual bombings – with simultaneous bombs going off at the exact stations where the real events occurred?

- Why did a photo published in the Daily Mail on 28th July show damage consistent with a bomb being under the train?

- Why did Mark Honigsbaum's initial Report from Edgware Road specifically state that witnesses said there was "a massive explosion and some passengers described how the tiles... the covers on the floor of the train suddenly flew up... rose up"?

- Why did eyewitness Bruce Lait's account in the *Cambridge Evening News* state the policeman said "mind that hole, that's where the bomb was". The metal was pushed upwards as if the bomb was underneath the train. Why did he say "They seem to think the bomb was left in a bag, but I don't remember anybody being where the bomb was, or any bag,"

- Why did Mr Blair, announce at 3pm on 7th July that the supposed attack bore "all the hallmarks of an Al Qaida attack" before any evidence had been properly gathered?

- Why was the train that the Suicide Bombers are supposed to have caught from Luton cancelled on that morning?

- On the single CCTV Image of the four accused suicide bombers together, why does one of the railings appear to go in front of the left arm of one of the men, when the railings are clearly behind him? And why are none of their faces easily recognisable?



- Why have all these critical questions, based on easily verified evidence, not been asked by any of the mainstream media? Until these questions are properly addressed (rather than being ignored) - by the Government, the Police, the Intelligence services, Amnesty International, Liberty and the mainstream media - everyone should doubt that the official stories of these tragedies are accurate. They should also be concerned about legislation which pertains to these events such as SOCA, LRR and CCA. They should ask questions and demand answers.

And if...

The War on Terror is Fake

then why are British and US Troops being killed in Iraq and Afghanistan?

Ask your MP, the BBC and all media organisations for answers