6. Plume Study

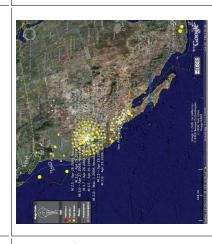
An adjunct of the study is that of the development of and changes in the plume of material seen rising from the WTC complex following their destruction. Its "thinning" is noted, and a comparison made to other significant smoke plumes observed from space. The comparison indicates that the plume did not behave like particulate smoke from a chemical or wood fire. The relationship of the changes in the plume to dust particle sizes is briefly considered.

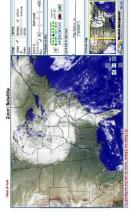
7. Earthquake Links?

A later part of the study examines some of the data relating to patterns of earthquakes and unusual weather patterns, which may be related to secret or partially disclosed environmental modification technology (such as HAARP), though no direct link to the events on 9/11 is established.









Delving Deeper

I decided to go "one step further" and, once I had downloaded all 500 accounts, I used text searching software to scan all the accounts and determine, primarily where each person was when the 2nd plane is supposed to have hit the tower. I also tried to determine where witnesses were when the 1st crash occurred. I then entered all this information into a database, which allowed me to more easily count who saw or heard the 2nd plane. (All the details of how this was done are contained in the report.)

In going through the accounts, I also decided to look for any use of the words "Missile" or "Rocket", "Plane Parts", "Luggage/Suitcases", "Landing Gear" and witnesses hearing the F-15/F-16 planes. The witness accounts of the latter are particularly interesting to compare to their accounts of the sound of the 2nd Boeing, before impact.

A number of reports of FBI Agents talking about a possible "3rd Plane" heading for New York were also discovered, along with a number of other accounts of witnesses describing anomalous occurrences.

"I Saw The Plane... I Heard The Plane..."

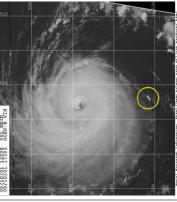
The words "plane jet airplane aircraft" were found in 426 accounts, 1770 times. The final account Sample Size was used for the "Witnesses to a plane" study was 291. A few of those who simply described seeing the impacts on TV were left out, but some were included – the main focus of the study was on those who were *close* to where the 2nd impact happened.

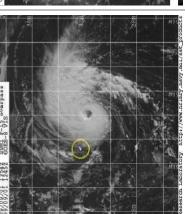
16 witnesses reported seeing the 1st plane before impact and 16 witnesses reported hearing the 1st plane before impact but only 1 Witness reported clearly seeing and hearing plane 1 before impact.

I managed to establish that at least 96 witnesses were near the WTC (with ½ a mile) at the time of 2nd impact and a further 21 witnesses were inside one of the WTC buildings at the time of the 2nd impact. This gave a total of 117 witnesses who were near or the Inside WTC buildings at the time of 2nd impact.

- Only 19 of the witnesses near the WTC reported actually seeing plane 2 before impact and, as a percentage of total number near the WTC, this was 20%.
- Only 20 of the witnesses near the WTC reported actually hearing plane 2 before impact and as a percentage of total number near the WTC, this was 21%.
- Only 8 of the witnesses near the WTC reported actually seeing and hearing plane 2 before impact and as a percentage of total number near the WTC, this was 8.3%.

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something. When I looked up, I heard 'boom'. I'm sorry, the north tower was the first one. The south tower then got hit when we were right there.

Perhaps even more significant was where 2 witnesses who were standing next to each other, initially, did not agree upon the idea of a plane crash. From the account of Scott Holowach (File No: 9110114)

At that time Chief Ganci was behind me and he thought there was another explosion in the north tower and that's when I turned around and said Chief, listen, there is a second plane that hit the other tower. He was like no no no no, we have another explosion. I said no, Chief, I witnessed it. I watched the plane hit the other tower. He is like are you sure. I said Chief, I'm 100 hundred percent positive I watched the second plane hit the other tower.

There was some additional confusion and rumours circulating about the nature of any planes involved. From the account of Anthony Bartolomey (File No: 9110013)

- Q. When you arrived there, did any civilians report anything to you?
- A. Yes. Numerous civilians were telling me that a plane had hit the building. There were discrepancies as to the type of plane. Some were saying it was a Cessna or Leer jet type, a small jet plane. Some said it was a large passenger plane. One person actually said that it was like a military style plane that actually shot missiles into the building.

There are other instances of this type of confusion. The account of Peter Fallucca (File No: 9110388) mentions a "fireball or something" and a missile attack as witnessed by a police officer:

It was a big fireball or something from the plane I guess, came from across the street in front of our rig, and as we get out of the rig, there's a cop, city police officer, in the street. He's telling us, "I'm getting out of here. I just saw a rocket." He said he saw it come off the Woolworth Building and hit the tower.

Landing Gear and Tires

There were over 10 different reports of Landing Gear being found. Some of these put the Landing Gear on Vesey Street, West Street, in a Parking Lot (which may be on West or Vesey Street), in a Jacuzzi, on top of a woman or in Rector Street. From the account of Dean Coutsouros (File No: 9110049)

...we got in front of 90 West Street, we held up there for a few minutes underneath the scaffolding to reassess the situation, how we were going to get into the building. There was all kinds of human debris. The landing gear of the aircraft was in that parking lot there. There was all kinds of stuff all over the floor.

From the account of John Breen (File No: 9110321)

The relationship between 9/11, the Hutchison Effect, Field Effects and data regarding Hurricane and Weather Modification is introduced. No firm conclusions are drawn, data is merely presented to illustrate where highly significant common themes and patterns seem to be present. For example, a short comparison is drawn between some of the effects seen with the materials in collision (caused by the effects of Tornados and hurricanes) with the anomalous changes in materials seen with Hutchison Effect. Apparent levitation effects seen in some instances are also highlighted.

The development of "super cell" storms is examined and a comparison of their structure to that of a Tesla Coil (used to create high voltage electrical discharges) is considered. The possibility is suggested that the electrical properties of large storm systems may have some similarities to those of Tesla coils and that there is a possibility that technology exists to utilise or manipulate the energy in these storm systems for "secondary" purposes.

One of the most striking pieces of the data presented is that from a set of magnetometers monitored by the University of Alaska. Several instruments show significant deviations from "background" or "normal" readings as the events of 9/11 were unfolding. A further selection of this data is presented in relation to variations during the hurricane seasons of 2001, 2004 and 2005.

A later part of the study examines some of the data relating to patterns of earthquakes in 2008 and possibly associated unusual weather patterns, which may be related to secret or partially disclosed environmental modification technology (such as HAARP). However, the study does not establish any clear links between HAARP and the events in New York on 9/11.

Hearing the F15's/F16's

There seemed to be more consistency in the witnesses who reported hearing the F15's/F16's than the sounds of a Boeing (other witnesses may have reported these as different planes). From the account of Robert Larocco (File No: 9110081):

At that point we hear a plane -- it turned out to be two planes, and they were closing in on us and the motors were getting louder and louder. All eyes went up to the sky and were looking. I kind of thought to myself as I looked at guys running for their lives and for cover that now we're going to get kamikazed. The rescue workers, they are trying to take us out. I stood there and looked at the sky all around in all directions and couldn't really tell where the sound was coming from. It was getting louder and louder. Then I spotted them, they were coming out of the west, like out of Jersey City, that way. They were two F15 fighters.

Strange Events

On page 13 of his account, Paramedic Robert Ruiz (File No. 9110333) describes an apparently spontaneous car fire:

Like things weren't bad enough already, the car that's parked right on that corner catches on fire. I don't mean a little fire, the entire thing. Don't ask me how. The entire car caught on fire. You would think maybe just a motor part or just the engine part. But this entire car just goes up in fire.

In his account (File no: 9110179), Frank Cruthers, Fire Chief mentions WTC 7 was expected to collapse:

Early on, there was concern that 7 World Trade Center might have been both impacted by the collapsing tower and had several fires in it and there was a concern that it might collapse. So we instructed that a collapse area –

Q. A collapse zone?

A. Yeah -- be set up and maintained so that when the expected collapse of 7 happened, we wouldn't have people working in it. There was considerable discussion with Con Ed regarding the substation in that building and the feeders and the oil coolants and so on. And their concern was of the type of fire we might have when it collapsed. They shut down the power, and when it did collapse, the things that they were concerned with would have been. That's about it.

Controlled Demolition of the WTC?

For quite some time, I was convinced that the mechanism of the destruction of WTC 1 & 2 had to be similar to controlled demolition – it was the only thing that could account for the near free-fall time of "collapse". However, I have since been enlightened through the results of Dr Wood's study – the overall evidence does not support the idea that controlled demolition was the primary method of destruction of the towers. In examining the witness accounts, I found quite a few where the collapse was described as possibly like the sound of

I'd be glad to look at it and I'm sure you would too, Bill. So, if there is such an event the point - the reason I'm emphasizing this is because it's a bit of a warning if there are perpetrators thinking about - such another 9/11 they'd better think twice because 9/11 truthers are out there - we're watching. We will get samples - we know what to do - evidence-based studies - we can do very quickly and we can put an end to lies - on the next 9/11 if it [inaudible] . which I hope we'll avoid. is what I'm trying to say.

You tube link lower down to the audio clip.

At this point, I have to admit was pretty much taken in by Steve Jones' group and it took me at least 6 or 7 months to work out what he was up to (and I had a lot of help). If you still think "he's the man", then I suggest you review more evidence below. I must say that, if after reviewing all the evidence I have sent you, you still think thermite is "the best explanation" for the WTC destruction, all I can say is that you are part of something which is truly a wonder to behold - and I really mean that. More SE Jones related links below.

Don't forget the only legal cases

As CB Brooklyn pointed out above, legal cases are in progress in the SDNY court. Will coverage of these be prominent in this so-called week of truth?

Is it better to promote awareness of the legal cases, identifying the role of military contractors in the 9/11 cover up? Or is it better to promote a fictional book?

OK so "the government is bad and did 9/11" - many people recognise corruption in the system and that of politicians.

You want a new investigation? Well, about one that's already in progress - but ignored by the almost all posters here and around the internet.

It's truly a wonder to behold.

Keep looking at the evidence and telling people to think for themselves is what I advocate.

WTC towers' destruction. I hope that someday this is possible and that the true 9/11 perpetrators are brought to account for their heinous actions.

The data and full report on which this summary article is based on can be accessed at www.checktheevidence.com

You: Of course, by ignoring any amount of evidence about anything (be it a scientific or legal matter), it is possible to come to almost any desired conclusion. However, the value of that conclusion is, of course, likely to be inversley proportional to the amount of evidence ignored.

Me: I am not impressed by the amount of evidence above and the solid evidence is not ignored.

This is a statement you made - and you have "skipped over" two of my points without any points of evidence to answer them. So, I am not impressed either...

You: As regards "free energy technology" it depends on your exact definition as to whether it exists or not. So let's go with the definition which says "you appear to get more energy out than you put in."

Me: Your last statement violates itself. Energy is not a thing. It is a concept used in calculations. You can never get more out than you put in. Sorry, I stop here. You are free to work on the perpetual motion machine, but don't call me before it works.

I didn't talk about "perpetual motion machines" - nor did I say "energy was thing". Forgive me if this is a language issue, but you don't seem to have understood what I said. Richard Feynman talked about the Energy in Free Space. Our friend, Conrado Salas Cano wrote an article for my Website about this. He studied at Caltech. Here is a link for you.

http://www.checktheevidence.com/articles/The%20universe's%20storehouse%20of%20energy.htm

I strongly contend there are a number of ways to access some of this energy.

Pons and Fleischmanns experiments on cold fusion have never been repeated under controlled circumstances. The Japanese immediately put 200 scientists on the issue back in the seventies. All wasted.

Oops - this statement is false - you have not referred to the referenced work of Dr. Eugene Mallove (fire from Ice). I don't think you studied www.lenr-canr.org either. This is, of course, little different to saying "Hijackers did 9/11 - it was repeated on lots of news broadcasts".

Jones proved the existence of MUON assisted cold fusion, which is a completely different matter. The effect, however, is ridiculously small and will never contribute to the energy problems of the world.

I agree with you. This is a bit like proving the existence of static electricity and then saying "but it could never be turned into a system for transmitting power".

Can We "Count" The Debris?

In Part 1 of <u>"The Overwhelming Implausibility of Using Directed Energy Beams to Demolish the World Trade Center Towers"</u>, published online in the <u>Journal of 9/11 Studies</u>, Dr Jenkins states:

Some proponents of the 'missing debris' hypothesis prefer to "count" the debris from photographs. This is an inherently reckless approach to the problem. Photographs offer no way to directly view all the individual steel beams in debris piles or debris occupying sublevel collapses. For instance, any attempt to "count" the beams or "wall sections" in the debris pile of WTC 7 will fall short of accounting for the total mass of the building for the simple reason that the debris is located in a pile and all photographs only show the surface. That does not mean that the rubble pile does not contain the mass of the building. Even if the debris were spread out somewhat, the same problem applies when attempting to "count" the debris.

In this article, I hope to show that, because of the sheer scale of the WTC buildings, there is considerable value in attempting to calculate other figures which illustrate the very large volume of material which should have been visible in the immediate aftermath of the WTC Towers destruction.

1. CALCULATING APPROXIMATE TOTAL LENGTH OF STEEL

Vertical Columns

The towers were 415 metres above ground, though some steel pieces would have been below ground level. There were 236 exterior (perimeter) columns and 47 interior (core) steel columns in each building.

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Total Length of Vertical Steel = 566 x 415 = 234890m
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Spandrels and "Weatchex"

The spandrel steel belts on the exterior walls were approximately 1.32m wide, and when joined, they spanned the width of one side of the building. Therefore

Approximate total length of Spandrel Steel per floor = 63.14 x 4 = 252.56

Total Length of Spandrel Steel = 252.56 x 2 x 110 = 55563.2m

serious, reasoned and detailed analyses has no place – especially when some of the people doing this work have made (and continue to make) very significant personal sacrifices.

Addendum: Exchange with European Scientist Regarding WTC Thermite.

Below, I have included more of the exchange I had in April 2008 with another European Scientist who seems to insist that Thermite or thermate was used to destroy the WTC complex. I listed some points of evidence which cannot be explained by Thermite. This exchange illustrates well an example of how key points of evidence are either ridiculed or completely ignored. I have a number of other exchanges similar to this in my e-mail archive.

1) Toasted cars 1 mile away from the WTC

The cars were toasted by falling thermate and moved subsequently, so the rescue squads could get access to GZ.

There is no evidence that this is true:

How did the "thermite" travel 1 mile and spread over 100's of cars? Where are the photos or witness testimony that so many cars were moved? I would be happy to see it! How did the thermite selectively react with only some parts of the cars?

2) Upturned cars in several locations

The car-movers didn't bother to dump the wrecks on the wheels

Sorry this does not make sense. Some cars are upside down next to ones that are the correct way up. There is no reason for movers to turn them upside down - it would actually be difficult to do this and what would be the point? Any witness testimony or other evidence of what turned them upside down?

3) At least 1 witness diving under an ambulance during the destruction of 1 of the towers then reporting the ambulance was "pushed off" during the collapse (but he didn't report he felt why it was "pushed off").

If you can repeat that experiment I would like to see it.

This wasn't an experiment - it was a 1st responder witness account. We have, without looking too hard, found witness accounts mentioning unusual forces. Here are 2

File no 9110506 - Michael Macko (P4 - P5) I realized I couldn't get out from under the collapse. I dove under an ESU truck that was facing north on the west side of West Street. I dove under that and waited for the building to come

Looking at the diagram,

- We have 20 pieces of Length A, top and bottom = 40 pieces of Length A
- We have 14 pieces of Length B, left and right = 28 pieces of length B
- We have 10 pieces of Length C running Top to Bottom
- We have 18 pieces of Length C running Left to Right

The actual pieces may have been arranged in a more complicated grid than that assumed using lengths A, B and C – but these would have been good approximations to the total length

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Length A is given by (63.14 - 26.52)/2
                                                   = 18.31
Length B is given by (63.14 - 41.8)/2
                                                   = 10.67
Length C is 63.14 metres
Total Length of "A" pieces would be: 18.31 x 20
                                                   = 366.2
Total Length of "B" pieces would be: 10.67 x 28
                                                   = 298.76
Total Length of "C" pieces would be: 63.14 x 18
                                                   = 1136.52
Total Length of Steel Pieces in 1 floor
                                                   = 1801.48
Total Length of Steel Pieces in the 2 towers
                                                   = 1801.48 \times 2 \times 110
                                                   = 396326m
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Floorpans

Outside of the core, steel floor pans were used and these were filled with concrete. The floor area in sq metres would be:

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Total Floor area=63.14 x 63.14 – (26.52 x 41.8) = <u>2878.12</u> sq m
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It is understood that the floor pans were approximately 3 x 20 metres, but I have not been able to find an exact figure for this. This would mean there would likely be 48 of them per floor (if they were all the same size, which is just an approximation)

So, if we were to consider these as *lengths* of steel, we would have 48 lengths of 20 metres of steel per floor

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Total Length of Steel in Floor Pans = 48 x 20
= 960m per floor

Total Length of Steel in Floor Pans = 960 x 2 x 110
= <u>211200m</u>
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The use of the phrase "emotionally unstable" is somewhat revealing. In an earlier broadcast on Alex Jones' radio show (linked on the above page in a YouTube video), we seem to have another example of debunking, ridicule and desultory remarks where, instead, a sober analysis of the evidence included in <u>Dr. Reynold's</u> case would have been more appropriate and useful. In an earlier broadcast (around April 8th 2008), Alex Jones made his position on this evidence abundantly clear, saying:

And then who comes out and says the [re are] no plane [s] – former Bush administration officials – and Fox has 'em on over and over again and Fox - whenever I am doing a debate they say 'no planes – ha ha ha'.

The normal no-planers are just completely nuts — I mean they are completely out of their minds ... and vicious and aggressive and lying and slanderous and then they've always got former admitted spooks and former admitted people from CIA universities, running around spewing...

Attorney Jerry Leaphart, in a letter to Alex Jones, responded to this general accusation and he included these words:

We hasten to acknowledge that we are not saying you accused Drs. Wood and/or Reynolds of such behavior, however we do say that they are known as "no planers" by some and we also know how guilt by association and categorization works, and we know that you know that too.

I am here assuming that you do not want any of us to come under surveillance by virtue of being thought to pose a threat of violence. You might not share the same degree of wariness about surveillance as we do, but we assume it takes very little in the way of publicly disseminated information to give rise to justification for surveillance. Posting videos proclaiming that "no planers" have instigated or participated in fighting could be used as a justification for scrutiny, in our view.

Alex Jones has been heard to say "Don't believe me – do your own research" (or words to that effect – for example at about <u>7:30 into this YouTube clip</u>). I hope that in this particular case, people will do as he suggests.

The Common Thread

If one wants to find the truth of something which is not fully understood, one can only do so by continuingly collecting evidence, analysing it and drawing conclusions. Importantly, however, this is never a completely static process. An unconditional willingness to review new evidence is the only way to get the closest to the truth. Evidence, analyses and conclusions must be continually reviewed and refined – and this process is surely one of the fundamental pillars of the Scientific Method (which I prefer to think of more as "analytical thought").

It can be suggested that there are at least 2 problems with this supposition. As the WTC towers came down, we see that there is little or no compaction going on – rather, the towers are turning to dust, so there is no physical process which would compress the debris to fit in the basements. We can categorically state that, whilst there was *some* debris in the basements, that debris was not especially compacted, nor did it fill the basements.

The Debris Was Not in The Basements

Photographs (and other evidence) that Dr Wood has presented illustrate that only a small or even tiny proportion of the total debris was in the WTC Basement Levels.

See: http://www.drjudywood.com/articles/DEW/StarWarsBeam6.html



Figure 3-1 - GZ workers descend into the subbasements below WTC2. While there is extensive damage, there is little building debris at the bottom of the hole. There is no sign of molten metal. A worker in the distance walks along a massive core column. (photo filed 9/18/01) <u>Source</u>

This response was interesting to me for 2 reasons. Firstly, it mentions "speculation". Both Dr. Wood's and Dr. Reynolds' Qui Tam cases focus on a range of *physical evidence*. They draw certain conclusions based on an analysis of this evidence. This is really the *opposite* of speculation. Indeed, who would initiate a Court Case based on speculation? (Who has this kind of money to waste?)

The second point that was interesting was that this person said they "would not help in promoting the work of Woods". This was not exactly what I asked - there are 2 Qui Tam cases and I did not specify that the names be mentioned (and, of course, it's "Dr. Wood" not "Dr. Woods").

Over the last 2-3 years, I have helped with the running of the UK 9/11 Truth forum. Previously, when I posted information or updates pertaining to the RFC's of Dr. Wood and Dr. Reynolds on the UK forum, they were moved out of the "News" Section and into a "Controversies" Section. So, moderators there seemed to be indulging in a kind of "soft censorship" – in a similar manner to how news editors move some stories to the "back pages" or put them in smaller print.

The Call for an Independent Investigation

I recently received a message from a friend who is now starting to realise what seems to be going on. In presenting his view to other people he wrote:

I [have] been pondering over a few things regarding what [we] are trying to achieve. We are primarily demanding a reinvestigation of 911. But what would we accept as a satisfactory investigation? What criteria would we use to measure or qualify any investigation, whether it is just a proposal or an actual investigation?

I didn't consider until recently that the Judy Wood Qui Tam cases are technically investigations since the cases brought forward have been accepted by the courts. Yet we have collectively chosen to ignore them as they do not fit some criteria that we must collectively all share (pls forgive the generalisation for a second). What are those criteria?

So this does lead on to a deeper question. What form would a truly independent enquiry take? Who would pay for it, if government bodies cannot be trusted (they cannot)? How about an organisation like Amnesty International – wouldn't they be able to do something? Well, seeing as AI have made no public comments about 9/11 truth issues in over 6 years, despite being asked, the prospects aren't looking too good. So perhaps we need individuals to come forward, fund their own research, build their own legal cases and submit them to the courts. At the moment, Drs. Wood and Reynolds, with the help of Jerry Leaphart, are the only ones doing this – as all previous 9/11 related cases have either folded or been withdrawn (so why hasn't anyone else tried to re-invigorate them?)



Figure 3-4 here again we see the "rubble pile" from WTC1 is essentially non-existent. The ambulance is parked at ground level in front of WTC1. WTC6, which had been an eight-story building, towers over the remains of WTC1.



Figure 3-5 - The north wing of WTC4, as viewed from Church Street, looking west, appears surgically removed from the main body of WTC4, which has essentially disappeared. If WTC2 fell on it and squashed the main building, where is the part of WTC2 that did this?

Of course, by ignoring any amount of evidence about anything (be it a scientific or legal matter), it is possible to come to almost any desired conclusion. However, the value of that conclusion is, of course, likely to be inversely proportional to the amount of evidence ignored.

Ignoring The Evidence - An "Active Denial System"?

I am sure there are a few people in the world who believe the Earth is flat - and they can continue to do this by ignoring the evidence that it is a sphere - for example brushing off all satellite photos as "fakes".

People in the 9/11 Official-Truth movement are vociferously critical of mainstream media figures, as well as other well-known figures, for not talking about the evidence. This very situation has recently been the subject of an article by the author Eric Larsen. Yet, when it is pointed out that people even within the 9/11 Official-Truth Movement refuse to address evidence, a number of prolific internet/forum posters typically become very defensive – or even rude and desultory. In trying to draw attention to some of the evidence and general conclusions that Dr. Wood and Dr. Reynolds have researched and posted articles about, I often seem to have experienced animosity and hostility. This mirrors the earlier experience of people like Rosalee Grable (Webfairy), Nico Haupt, Gerard Holmgren and others. Those that have been the most critical rarely focus on a considered analysis of evidence in question. Typically, the conclusions drawn from what has become known as "DEW" and "No Planes" research are often said to be "impossible to believe" by those in the 9/11 Official-Truth movement. (It can be observed that they frequently use disturbingly similar language to that used by OGCT believers who cannot accept that a conspiracy regarding 9/11 really does exist.)

Even when it is pointed out that the evidence for DEW and "No planes at the WTC" is so strong that it has been used both as a basis for two "Request for Corrections" and two related Qui Tam cases against NIST contractors, it is often not regarded as significant. I can say this of at least six "9/11 Truthers" that I have met and discussed these issues with. Some of them use such phrases as "I have seen no evidence of DEW" and "I looked at Dr. Wood's website and saw no evidence of significance." I find this so bizarre that I really do wonder what is going on. The following sample of correspondence I had with a European scientist is typical of some of the extraordinary exchanges I have been a party in:

1) Toasted cars 1 mile away from the WTC

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There is no evidence that this is true: How did the "thermite" travel 1 mile and spread over 100's of cars? Where are the photos or witness testimony that so many cars were moved? I would be happy to see it! How did the thermite selectively react with only some parts of the cars?

9/11 Truth Seekers and Campaigners... "It's Your Lucky Day!"

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You want a new investigation into the events of 9/11? Well, it's your lucky day! There is one already in progress! However, it is ignored by almost all 9/11 researchers and posters around the internet. The RFC's and Qui Tam's presented by Dr Judy Wood and Dr Morgan Reynolds against NIST and its contractors are independent – and they are investigations, but most 9/11 Truthers are not talking about them. In this article, I will ask why this is the case.

A Focus on The Truth of 9/11

I have been pondering on what seems to be happening to the effort, across various groups, to reveal the truth of what happened on 9/11. Some quite unusual things seem to have been transpiring over the last two years, as I have tried to document in previous articles posted on my website.

Last month, in mid April 2008, www.911Truth.org sent out an e-mail regarding a "Week of Truth" initiative, featuring fairly well-designed graphics and a prominent posting of Steve Alten's new novel *The Shell Game*. This work, seemingly written as a vehicle to further the aims of 9/11 Truth Campaigners, additionally has the laudable goal of raising money for the New York City First Responders who suffered greatly for helping others on the day of this most terrible tragedy. The accompanying message from 911truth.org suggested buying copies of *The Shell Game* (directly through www.WeekofTruth.org) so that a portion of the purchase price (it does not say how much) will go to the First Responders. Purchasing a copy will also, it says, help the book to enter the New York Times Top 10 best-seller list. Additionally, it suggests "e-mailing everyone you know who wants 9/11 truth to break through the corporate media blackout" and that people should write op-eds, and call in to radio shows, and otherwise tell people about the Week of Truth.

Who could argue with basic thrust of these suggestions? I certainly couldn't! However, if I may adopt a more lyrical (but critical) tone for a moment, I fear that this "Week of Truth" may have been "Weak of Truth". Why am I being so harsh in describing the efforts of kindhearted people in selflessly promoting the knowledge that the Official Story (OGCT) of 9/11 is false?

Firstly, I think it is important to consider what *The Shell Game* actually says. For example, the plot of the story includes Iran's supposed nuclear reactor development (which is disputed) and also discusses the issue of "Peak Oil" (also disputed, but often cited by some 9/11 researchers as the main reason 9/11 was perpetrated). So, even if *The Shell Game* helps more people become aware of and think about 9/11 Truth issues (and I question whether it actually will), I would contend it is falsely suggesting that "Peak Oil" and "Iranian Nukes" are real issues of concern (in the same way that the official story of 9/11 suggests that international terrorism is an issue of real concern).

When, in the "Week of Truth" (or at any other time, for that matter), people make phone calls or send e-mail to tell others about 9/11 Truth and *The Shell Game*, what do they say? One of the easiest phrases to use seems to be "9/11 was an Inside Job" – meaning that the Government and probably other officials knew in advance that the event was going to happen and that they, in some way, planned and/or assisted in the execution of the operation. However, as shocking as this statement is to some people, that statement in of itself, moves us little or no further forward in finding or prosecuting the perpetrators. (Indeed, does purchasing a copy of *The Shell Game* help towards this goal?) Additionally, many people are *already* uncomfortable with the official story of 9/11 - according to an August 2006 Scripps Howard/Ohio University national survey, 36% of Americans believe 9/11 was an 'inside job', with government agencies complicit in what occurred. A Zogby poll in 2004 also produced similar results. With this in mind, and knowing what I know now, I am much more concerned about the longer term effect that *The Shell Game* may have – because it does not include important evidence and information related to what the latest 9/11 research has revealed.

9/11 - The Physical Evidence

One of the things that a study of 9/11 truth should teach us is to focus on *evidence*. This study of evidence can be applied both directly to the analysis of the events of 9/11 and it *can also be applied to the study of events since* 9/11. An important question that might be asked is this – what have the perpetrators of 9/11 been up to since that day? We know for sure that the media have been manipulated – key evidence has not been reported or discussed (for example, it is very rare to hear a discussion that the towers – including most of the steel - largely turned to dust). It is also almost unheard (anywhere) - in relation to the supposed WTC plane crashes - that thin aluminium wing struts cannot cut through steel girders (whatever speed they are travelling at). This is because of Newton's third law, and the relative hardness of these 2 materials. (In a collision, the force on the aluminium is the same as the force on the steel, but aluminium wing struts are much weaker than steel, so they snap - and the steel does not!).

It often surprises me that only a small number of people appear willing to focus on and discuss the physical evidence. Mike Ruppert, it has been noted, was reluctant to discuss physical evidence when he started writing about 9/11. More recently, within the 9/11 Truth Movement (which can perhaps be regarded as "The 9/11 Official-Truth Movement") many people seem very reluctant to discuss the current legal cases of Drs. Wood and Reynolds even though information about their legally-based efforts has been in the public domain for well over 1 year. I would contend that the reason for this lack of discussion is that discussion and analysis of information within the 9/11 Truth Movement is being subjected to the same type of bullying, cajolery and name-calling that is present in the mainstream media whenever this topic is discussed. When any people appear, to question "the official story", they are attacked and ridiculed and discussion of their research is subjected to pernicious debunking. To try and document this activity, I posted an article which attempted to illustrate, using the evidence I had collected, how "factions" of the 9/11 truth movement were being manipulated and controlled. This behaviour continues today – unabated.