

26 Top Anomalies of 9/11

Do you believe the US government's version of the 'Official Story' concerning what happened on 9/11? If so, how do you account for the following 26 inconsistencies?

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THE OFFICIAL STORY

According to the Bush administration (as reported by the mainstream US media), on the morning of September 11, nineteen kamikaze Arabs hijacked four commercial airliners using nothing but box cutters. Somehow, the so-called hijackers prevented all eight airline pilots from sending out standard alerts to the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). And, somehow, the so-called 'terrorists' outwitted the \$30-billion-a-year US intelligence apparatus catching the US air force, DoD, NORAD and the FAA completely off guard.

These so-called fanatical Arab hijackers, having only a few hours of flying lessons, crashed two of the four planes with military precision into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The Twin Towers caught on fire, which somehow softened the solid steel trusses causing both towers to collapse within a couple of hours. The official story states that these buildings experienced a 'compression' or 'pancake' effect caused from weakened trusses and the weight from its own structure above. Not much was mentioned of WTC Building 7, which also collapsed.

The third plane (Flight 77 which took off from Dulles Airport, D.C.) disappeared over Ohio, apparently reappeared 11 minutes later, pulled off an extreme 270° turn and then crashed into the Pentagon, on the *opposite* side of where Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's office is located, for some reason. The fourth plane (Flight 93, which took off from Newark and was supposedly destined for the White House) crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, apparently due to some brave passengers who momentarily took back control of the hijacked jet.

Approximately 3,000 people from 70 different nations died that day in the attack on America. It was the first large scale attack from outside the country in US history and it was the first time that four commercial airplanes had ever been hijacked simultaneously within the continental USA.

Despite the fact the US government claimed they had no idea that this type of thing would happen, within a few hours, the Bush administration had determined who had done it – Osama bin Laden, the renowned Saudi terrorist, with his network of Al Qaeda freedom fighters. All of this was supposedly orchestrated by bin Laden from a cave in the mountains of Afghanistan, some 12,000 miles away.

To this date, the FAA has not released the full voice recordings of the communications between the pilots and the FAA. Even though 'black boxes' are designed to withstand major crashes, the FAA says that most of the information on all eight of the black boxes of these four flights was somehow destroyed. To this date, no reprimands have been made by anyone for any of the so-called 'intelligence failures' that took place that day! And yet the military intelligence agencies have all received huge budget increases.

THE DAY OF 9/11

1. BUSH'S PUZZLING REACTION
What was Bush doing between 9:06 am and 9:29 am in the Booker Elementary School classroom ... when he knew America was under attack?

President Bush was told by the FBI that the first plane hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center just after 8:46 am as he was being driven from the Colony Beach and Tennis Resort to the Emma E. Booker Elementary School in Florida for a photo op. He arrived at the school at 8:55 am. At 9:03 he entered the Grade Two classroom. At 9:06 am, while sitting there with the children reading the "Pet Goat" story, his Chief of Staff Andrew Card whispered in his ear that a second jetliner had hit the World Trade Center. Bush just sat there (as if everything was 'business as usual') for a further 20 minutes reading with the children. It wasn't until 9:29 am (23 minutes after he knew America was under attack) that he took action and addressed the nation on network TV.

Despite the fact that the Secret Service (in Washington) had immediately whisked Vice-President Cheney away to a safe place when the towers were struck, they let the President just sit there *with the children* in harm's way. Why did the President, his Chief of Staff and the Secret Service not react immediately to the attacks? Was the President, himself, having an 'intelligence failure'?

In a second televised address to the nation that evening, he stated, "Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government's emergency response plans." Indeed. (*Global Outlook (GO) #5, p.42; GO #2, p.6*)

2. US AIRFORCE ASLEEP OR ON STAND DOWN
Why didn't the US military intercept the hijacked planes when they knew FOUR hijackings were in progress for over an hour?

It is normal operating procedure for the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) to call in Air Force interceptors the minute any aircraft is detected deviating from its flight path – even slightly. Between September 2000 and June 2001 it is documented that fighter jets were scrambled at least 67 times. No 'special' authority is needed to scramble a fighter.

At 8:24 that morning, the FAA knew that Flight 11 was hijacked based on an air traffic controller overhearing hijackers say: "Just stay quiet and you will be okay. We are returning to the airport. Nobody move." 22 minutes later Flight 11 hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center (WTC). 17 minutes after that, Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower. 37 minutes after that, Flight 77 hit the Pentagon. In total, Flight 77 was allowed to fly uninterrupted for 1 hour and 16 minutes after it was determined that the first flight had been hijacked. Why were no fighter jets scrambled in time from any one of 5 nearby airforce bases (especially Andrews Air Force Base) to intercept the hijacked planes? Was the US Air Force caught napping or were there 'stand down' orders given? (GO #1, p.26; GO #7, p.4)

3. A FIRST IN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

3. *When the Twin Towers collapsed on 9/11, was it the first time in history that a steel skyscraper had ever collapsed due to fire?*

No steel-framed building in the world has ever collapsed due to fire until, supposedly, September 11, 2001. Many steel skyscrapers have burned for hours, but none has collapsed. For example, in May of 1988, the 62-story First Interstate Bank building in Los Angeles (nicknamed 'the Towering Inferno II') burned intensely for over three hours, yet it did not collapse. One Meridian Plaza in Philadelphia in 1991 burned for hours and caused some structural damage, but it did not collapse. World Trade Center Building 6 burned for several hours at intensely hot temperatures after being hit with falling debris that morning, yet it did not collapse.

Why is it then, that (for the first time in history) both Twin Towers collapsed due to fire?

(Eric Hufschmid, *Painful Questions* p.38)

4. DEFYING THE LAWS OF GRAVITY

4. *How can the 'pancake' or 'compression' theory account for the near gravity-like speed of the collapse of both of the Twin Towers?*

It has been recorded that the Twin Towers collapsed in approximately 8 to 10 seconds – roughly the speed of gravity. In other words, if you were to take a baseball and drop it off a building of the same height, the ball would hit the ground at the same time as the debris of the collapsed Twin Towers. We are told that the building fell due to the 'pancake theory', which requires each floor to hit the floor below it. How could the buildings fall at the speed of gravity and yet, at the same time, overcome such massive resistance from the steel structure below?

(Hufschmid, *Ibid.* pp.42,73)

5. DEFYING THE LAWS OF PHYSICS

5. *Why does thermal data collected at Ground Zero indicate hot spots which lasted for weeks after the collapse?*

Thermal surface maps show that there were at least 5 'hot spots' with temperatures of over 1000° Fahrenheit. Smoke and steam seeped out of the rubble for weeks ... hardly the outcome of a normal collapse due to a fire.

(Hufschmid, *Ibid.* p.70)

6. THE MYSTERIOUS CRASH OF FLIGHT 93

6. *Why was the crash debris of of Flight 93, which was recovered over Pennsylvania, spread out over such a long five to eight mile swath?*

The 'official story' is that Flight 93 crashed into rural Pennsylvania because of a valiant passenger struggle. However, the debris was scattered over a 5 to 8 mile swath. Residents in the area heard a loud explosive sound and saw a military jet just prior to the crash. (www.flight93crash.com)

7. THE EERIE COLLAPSE OF BUILDING 7

7. *Why did WTC Building 7 collapse into a cloud of dust if no plane hit it, nor any large pieces of debris fell on it?*

Building 7 was not reported to be on fire until 3:00 p.m. These fires were relatively small and appeared on Floors 7

and 12. In less than three hours, the whole building came tumbling down into a vaporized cloud of dust at 5:25 p.m. Curiously, Building 7 housed former Mayor R. Giuliani's command center on the 23rd floor, as well as various offices for the FBI, CIA, Secret Service and IRS. Why have most of the mainstream media ignored this huge anomaly?

(GO #6, pg. 33)

8. THE AMAZING PENTALAWN AND PENTAGON

8. *Why was there so little damage done to the Pentagon lawn and exterior facade of the building after such a major crash?*

Why was there very little airliner debris found for such a huge Boeing 757 having supposedly crashed into the Pentagon. How could a soft-nosed aircraft penetrate through 6 load-bearing walls and exit the other side? Why was the fireball such a different colour than that of the Twin Towers explosion? Why was there no wing damage to the exterior of the building and little evidence of crash marks on the lawn?

(GO #7, pgs. 8-10)

9. PENTAGON – CENSORED EVIDENCE

9. *Why has the Pentagon released only 5 frames out of all the video footage taken during the crash?*

There are more cameras and surveillance equipment around Washington and the Pentagon than any place in the world. Yet, the Pentagon released only 5 video frames taken at the exact time of the collision. Consider all the footage we saw of the Twin Towers. Why then, are they withholding the rest of the evidence found on all those Pentagon video tapes?

(Hufschmid, *Ibid.* p.12)

THE BACKGROUND

10. INTELLIGENCE WARNINGS IGNORED

10. *Why did the Bush Administration ignore an unprecedented number of intelligence warnings building up over three months prior to 9/11?*

Condoleezza Rice is quoted as saying, "I don't think anybody could have predicted that these people would take an airplane and slam it into the World Trade Center, take another one and slam it into the Pentagon; that they would try to use an airplane as a missile..." (16 May 2001). And yet there were at least 28 major intelligence warnings that the US government received during the three month period prior to 9/11. Among them:

- April/May, 2001 - *Washington Post*: Intelligence reports: bin Laden Planning Multiple Operations', 'bin Laden Network's Plans Advancing', 'bin Laden Threats are Real'.
- June, 2001 - *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*: German Intelligence warns "Middle Eastern terrorists are planning to hijack commercial aircraft and use them as weapons".
- August 6, 2001 - "Bin Laden Determined to Strike Inside the US" - Presidential Daily Briefing.
- Sept. 10, 2001 - *Newsweek*: Day Before 9/11 Pentagon Cancels Flights.
- Sept. 11, 2001 - *Ha'aretz Daily*: CEO of Odigo says Workers Warned via e-mail two hours prior to the crash.
- Sept. 12, 2001 - *San Francisco Gate*: Mayor got 8-hour Warning (from C. Rice) before 9/11. (GO # 5, p.13)

11. INTELLIGENCE WARNINGS BLOCKED

Why did the US government block FBI Agents John O'Neill, Colleen Rowley and Kenneth Williams' investigations into Al Qaeda?

FBI Deputy Director John O'Neill resigned his post in frustration and was hired as Director of Security at the WTC to begin on September 11. He died later that day. FBI Agent Colleen Rowley, was very upset that Dave Frasca blocked her intelligence warnings. FBI Agent Kenneth Williams' warnings that Al Qaeda could have students enrolled at an Arizona flight school were blocked also.

(GO #3, pp.19, 26; GO #7 p.4)

12. INSIDER TRADING COVERUP

Why doesn't the SEC reveal the names of those who profited from insider trading just prior to 9/11?

Follow the money. Michael C. Ruppert has exposed the huge sum of profits made by a few people. He documents a huge increase in insider trading which took place just prior to 9/11. The 'investors' in the 9/11 tragedy ended up making millions by selling 'short' just days before 9/11. In fact, there was an increase of 60 to 90 times the normal increase in trading activity of orders to go 'short' on the stocks of American Airlines and United Airlines between September 6-10, 2001. Why does the Securities Exchange Commission refuse to reveal the names of those who profited?

(GO #2, p.9)

13. THE ROAD MAP TO EMPIRE

What is the purpose of the Project for a New American Century (PNAC)? Is it a secret blueprint for US world domination?

In 1997, three years before Bush became President: Rumsfeld, Cheney, Jeb Bush, Paul Wolfowitz and 21 other prominent Republicans organized the 'Project for a New American Century' (PNAC). This was a secret blueprint for US global domination. In September 2000, PNAC published "Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategy, Forces and Resources for a New Century": which states, *While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein ... further, the process of transformation is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event - like a new Pearl Harbor.*

(GO #5, p.12-13)

14. PRETEXT FOR WAR: PEARL HARBOR

How does the US government get away with brainwashing the world into thinking that Pearl Harbor was a 'surprise attack' when it was not?

December 7, 1941: Renowned American Historian and Pulitzer Prize winner John Toland reports that President Roosevelt had 'prior knowledge' of the surprise attack ... and failed to act. (*INFAMY-Pearl Harbor and Its Aftermath*) Pearl Harbor was not a surprise attack! Author Robert Stinnett confirms this in *Day of Deceit* (Touchstone Books, 2000).

(GO #1, p.61)

15. OPERATION NORTHWOODS: PSYOP

Since the US military was planning to sacrifice

American lives in 1962, why wouldn't it be prepared to do the same on 9/11 to spark a war? What's changed their way of thinking since then?

James Bamford, author of *Body of Secrets*, reports that it shows the Pentagon was capable "of launching a secret ... war of terrorism against their own country". An 'incident' was needed in order to 'trick' the American public into supporting a war on Cuba. Should an American-made catastrophe occur, they wrote, "the objective is to provide irrevocable proof ... that the fault lies with the Communists" in Cuba. "We could blow up a US ship in Guantanamo Bay and blame Cuba ..." this was planned by Admiral Lyman Lemnitzer and the US Joint Chiefs of Staff. (GO #1, p.59)

16. THE INCUBATOR BABIES: DECEPTION

How could the US government get away with tricking the world into thinking Iraqi soldiers had purposely killed Kuwaiti babies? Why wasn't Bush Sr. impeached for this?

A seemingly anonymous woman working as a volunteer nurse, falsely reported (on national TV) she witnessed Iraqi soldiers steal incubators from innocent Kuwaiti babies. She said she saw the Iraqi soldiers leave the babies on the cold hospital floor to die. The woman turned out to be the daughter of the Kuwaiti Ambassador to the US. The story, which was used as a pretext for launching the war on Iraq in 1991, was a complete hoax manufactured for the US government by the P.R. firm Hill & Knowlton.

(GO #4, pg. 54)

17. CIA ALLIES: SAUDI ARABIAN TERRORISTS

Why was a US immigration officer instructed to issue US visas to some of the Saudi terrorists who attacked America on 9/11?

Some of the 9/11 hijackers were imported and trained by the US military. One US visa office whistleblower, J. Michael Springmann, veteran of 20 years of foreign service, posted at the Saudi Embassy for two years, stated ... "I was instructed to issue US visas to Saudi terrorists."

(www.911review.org/Wiki/SpringmanInterview.shtml)

18. CIA ASSET: OSAMA BIN LADEN

Why would the CIA not get bin Laden when they had the chance (just prior to 9/11) ... unless he was a CIA intelligence asset?

Prior to 9/11, Osama bin Laden was secretly protected by the CIA and became a US intelligence asset. Even so, he was put on FBI's 10 Most Wanted list in 1999. Two months prior to 9/11, bin Laden was getting kidney dialysis treatment at the American Hospital in Dubai (on July 14, 2001). He was visited by the CIA section chief, yet no arrest was made. Later on Sept. 10, 2001, Osama was reported (by Dan Rather) to be at a Pakistani military headquarters hospital. Even though the hospital has close ties to the Pentagon, no arrest was made.

(GO #1, IFC, p.10; GO #2, pp.13,25,68; GO #6, p.55)

19. CIA BUDDY: GENERAL MAHMOUD

Why would the 9/11 'Money Man' be allowed to visit Washington (September 4 to 12, 2001) unless he was a 'friend' of the CIA?

Michel Chossudovsky has well documented the fact that the 9/11 Money Man was visiting members of the Bush administration from September 4-13, 2001. That man was Lt. General Mahmoud Ahmad (Pakistan's ISI Director-General) who orchestrated the transfer of \$100,000 to Mohammed Atta, the lead hijacker, just prior to 9/11. (GO #2, p.68)

20. CIA CONNECTION: THE ISI

Why did Pakistan's ISI (with close ties to the CIA) airlift thousands of Al Qaeda fighters to safety in 2001-2002. For safe keeping?

In November of 2001, through January 2002, many mainstream newspaper articles stated that Pakistan's Secret Police (the ISI), which has close ties to the CIA, secretly airlifted several thousand members of Al Qaeda, and, perhaps, Osama out of Afghanistan to safety. (GO #7, p.44)

21. BUSH FAMILY TIES

TO THE BIN LADENS

Why did the Bush family have such cozy business relations with Osama bin Laden's family and friends?

"The bin Laden and Bush families were both connected to the Carlyle Group..." George Bush Sr. and the Carlyle Group were meeting with Shafiq bin Laden, Osama bin Laden's brother, at the Ritz Carleton in Washington D.C. the morning of 9/11. On Sept. 13, the White House approved plans to fly 24 members of the bin Laden family out of the US during the 'no-fly' period. – *Fahrenheit 9/11*

(www.michaelmoore.com/warroom/911notes/)

THE AFTERMATH

22. COMPLICITY BY THE MEDIA

Why was the news suppressed when it was learned that the anthrax that killed six Americans (and almost Senator Tom Daschle) was made in the USA?

In the weeks after 9/11, several unsuspecting people received deadly anthrax powder in the mail. Six people were killed. Scientific analysis found that this particular strain contained an additive that was only produced at an American weapons laboratory. (GO #1, p.15)

23. COMPLICITY BY CONGRESS

Why would Congress pass a bill, the Patriot Act, which has such far-reaching and sweeping powers, without taking the time to read and debate it?

The PATRIOT (Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism) Act is more than a thousand pages long, strips Americans of their civil rights and does little to secure the nation from terrorist attacks.

No one had a chance to read it and only three members of Congress voted against it. Ron Paul (R-TX) claims that the bill wasn't even printed when the vote came down. (www.insightmagazine.com)

24. COVERUP BY THE US GOVERNMENT

Why was key evidence from the WTC site and the Pentagon crash site destroyed by the US government before being properly examined?

Some of the key evidence was destroyed by the US government right after 9/11. For example, the World Trade Center site was the largest crime scene in US history and yet Controlled Demolition Inc. was hired right away by the US government to clear away the evidence before it could be properly examined. (Hufschmid, *Ibid.* p.72)

At least six air traffic controllers (who where in contact with the hijacked planes) made a tape recording a few hours after the attacks describing what they felt had happened. But the tape was destroyed by their supervisor a few months later, even though he was supposed to retain it. Why?

(USA Today, 7 May 2004, p.3A)

25. COVERUP BY THE WHITE HOUSE

Why did the White House resist investigating the events surrounding 9/11?

It took 411 days for President Bush to set up a Public Commission into 9/11, the most significant terrorist attack in the history of the American nation. The Pearl Harbor Commission took 9 days to be formed. The JFK Commission took 7 days. The Titanic Commission took 6 days. The Challenger Disaster Commission took 7 days. Why so long for the 9/11 Commission?

(www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/2003/200309/20030911.html)

26. THE MOTIVES

Who benefitted? Oddly enough those responsible (the CIA, the FBI & the military) haven't been reprimanded, but have benefitted with huge budget increases. Why?

There are many possible motives for such a crime as 9/11. It is claimed that Osama and Al Qaeda did it to avenge their hatred of America, freedom, democracy and American values. They did it because they resent American military bases in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Middle East.

But consider who benefitted the most: Osama bin Laden or ... the US oil companies, the US military, the US intelligence community, the US defense contractors, the New World Order architects, the US government and, let's not forget, George W. Bush himself. There's nothing like the popularity of a war-time President! (GO #7, pg. 55)

IT'S UP TO THE PEOPLE

As Barrie Zwicker says, "If the truth is to be found, it is up to the people to find it".

The entire Bush agenda is based entirely upon the myth of 9/11. If the 'official story' is found to be illegitimate, Bush and company could find themselves behind bars.

If not, they (or their successors) will continue their fabricated "war on terrorism" which "may never end. At least not in our lifetime", as Dick Cheney often reminds us. It's up to us to break the consensus that the 'official story' is somehow legitimate.

There is a force more powerful. It is us ... we, the people. Together we can *and must* break the consensus.

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(Most of these 26 anomalies have been documented by the mainstream press and these, in turn, have been reviewed in the various issues of *Global Outlook* mentioned.)

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