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Does 9/11 look like an "inside job"? Consider the evidence for yourself.

At the Pentagon:

- * How could a Boeing 757, with a wingspan of 125' and a tail 44' high, have fit through an opening smaller than the double-doors of a mansion?
- * Why was there no debris from the fuselage--no wings, no tail, no seats, no bodies, no luggage, and no engines, much less a crater from the crash?
- * Some said it looked like "a cruise missile with wings", but does anything look more like a cruise missile with wings than a cruise missile with wings?
- * How could the plane have simply disappeared--vaporized by the intense heat of the crash--yet the DNA from the bodies of the passengers have survived?

In Pennsylvania:

- * If the plane in Pennsylvania had crashed as the government claims, then its wreckage should have been distributed over a space the size of a city block.
- * Although the government won't admit it, the wreckage is distributed over an area that is roughly eight miles square, which implies an explosion in air.
- * Residents repeatedly explained to the FBI they had heard an explosion in the air before the plane hit the ground, but the FBI refused to write it down.
- * A pilot for a squadron based in North Dakota, known as "The Happy Hooligans", has reportedly been honored with a citation for having shot the plane down (for more, go to http://www.letsroll911.org/articles/flight93shotdown.html).

In New York City:

- * The Twin Towers fell almost perfectly symmetrically, even though they were hit in different locations and should have had different patterns of fall.
- * The buildings fell in about 10 seconds or at about the speed of free fall, which would have been impossible if one floor was collapsing upon another.
- * Fires from kerosine-based jet fuel are not enough to melt structural steele, yet sub-basement support columns were pools of molten metal five weeks later.

- * If the buildings collapsed from the heat of the fire, then the building that was hit first should have collapsed first, but the opposite was the case.
- * Some of the first responders at the scene reported having heard what sounded like sequences of explosions going off just as the buildings began to fall.
- * World Trade Center 7, a 47-story building, collapsed equally symmetrically seven hours later, even though it had not been hit by any aircraft at all.
- * Before the support columns could be studied by engineers, they were hauled off and sent to China by an outfit which is named, "Controlled Demolition".

Suspicious Circumstances:

- * Condoleeza Rice, the President's National Security Adviser, told the press that no one could have imagined the use of aircraft to crash into buildings.
- * Almost exactly a year earlier, the Pentagon had staged a simulated attack on the Pentagon involving the use of aircraft crashing into the building.
- \star On 9/11, the Pentagon held "a training exercise" called Vigilant Guardian, which took ordinary control of the skies away from both the FAA and NORAD.
- * Early reports claiming that terrorists were targeting Air Force One, which was situated in Sarasota, FL, were traced to Karl Rove, his political chief.
- * Fifteen of the nineteen alleged skyjackers were from Saudi Arabia, while the number from Iraq was zero. The point bears repeating: not one was an Iraqi!
- * Within fifteen minutes of the hit on the Pentagon, our Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, was instructing his staff to prepare plans to attack Iraq.

About the Investigation:

- * At least seven of the alleged skyjackers who were consumed in these events have instead turned up alive and well, most of them living in Saudi Arabia.
- * George Bush and Dick Cheney took extraordinary steps to limit investigations into 9/11, only relinquishing under pressure from families of the victims.
- * If you were a president who wanted to protect the security of the American people, wouldn't you consider discovering the truth your highest priority?

- * The US fostered Osama bin Laden and the movement that became "al Qaeda" in the 1980s to help drive the forces of the Soviet Union out of Afghanistan.
- * The US government told the Taliban that, if they allowed a pipe line to be built, we would bathe them in gold; otherwise, we would bathe them in bombs.
- * The President has falsely alleged that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, that Saddam was in cahoots with Osama, and that Iraq was a terrorist state.

Lies have Consequences:

- * UN inspectors had combed the country in search of WMD without finding any, which meant, we were told, that Saddam must have hidden them somewhere.
- * Our Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, told us that we know where they were, which would have meant we could have taken them out without any war.
- * Allies who had warned us about an impending attack prior to 9/11 warned us against going into Iraq without the support of the UN and of NATO forces.
- * The invervention has been an unmitigated disaster, where we are bogged down in a quagmire fighting an enemy with popular support and caskets coming home.
- * Although we know that at least 1,000 Americans have died, we have no idea how many Iraqis are dead, while the Pentagon tells us, "Iraqis don't count!"

Who Stood to Profit:

- * Plans for invading the Middle East were formulated by a group known as "The Project for a New American Century" (PNAC) before Bush even came to power.
- * These plans (available on-line) imply the country may be unwilling to accept American-style imperialism absent some traumatizing event like Pearl Harbor.
- * Those who supported these plans include Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, Pearle, Kristol, and other members of the so-called "neo-conservative" movement.
- * Traditional Republicans believe in balanced budgets, Constitutional government, a non-interventionist foreign policy, and keeping our privacy intact.
- * This administration runs up massive deficits, promotes the "Patriot Act", initiates "preventive" wars, and intrudes into intimate aspects of our life.

* They have created a merger of big corporations with big government, which Mussolini said was a perfectly good definition of what is called "fascism".

The Beat Goes On:

- * Before returning from Iraq, Paul Bremer issued 100 decrees that privatized the resources of the people of Iraq for exploitation by US corporations.
- * Halliburton, formerly run by Vice President Cheney, has been the principal beneficiary of non-bid contracts, some issued before the war was launched.
- * Bush, whose political fortunes were in massive decline, has used the war and treats of terrorism to manipulate the American people and their support.
- * Our military strength is being sapped, our standing in the world is falling, and threats to the nation are overwhelmingly greater than they were before.
- * Although superficial steps have been taken to increase security at airports, for example, this sequence of events has made the country vastly less safe.

What Can be Done?

- * We need a new administration to discover which threats are real and which are not, which we are not going to get from a government invested in war.
- * We need a leader who served his country with honor and distinction and who understands the reality of combat, not a poster-boy for dereliction of duty.
- * We need someone who can work with our allies and bring the UN in and get the US out, while contributing to the creation of a stable and democratic Iraq.
- * Read newspapers and magazines, watch television, listen to the radio, keep yourself informed and do your best to promote freedom and democracy at home.

Sources for more on 9/11:

Try reading David Ray Griffin, THE NEW PEARL HARBOR (2004), apaperback. Try viewing "911: In Plane Site" (2004), a new DVD from "The Power Hour".

Try checking out "911review.org", a web site devoted to these subjects.

Study the evidence. Make up your own mind. Because America needs your vote.

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Indeed an "inside job". Many studies of 9/11 may be found on his web site at http://www.assassinationscience.com.