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The Weather Rock

After two weeks of accurate and outstanding weather forecasting for Headquarters State Area Command at AT 2001, Fort Drum, N.Y., Sqt. Hernando Coy, United State Property and Fiscal Office, was surprised and somewhat embarrassed to find that Chief Warrant Officer 4 Harry McCurdy, Department of Logistics, had discovered his secret. Chief McCurdy had found Sqt. Coy's improvised weather forecasting system on Division Hill, behind



building 2314. The system consists of a large gray rock suspended from a government issue tripod. The following written instructions were attached to the tripod:

The Weather Rock Property of SGT H. Coy

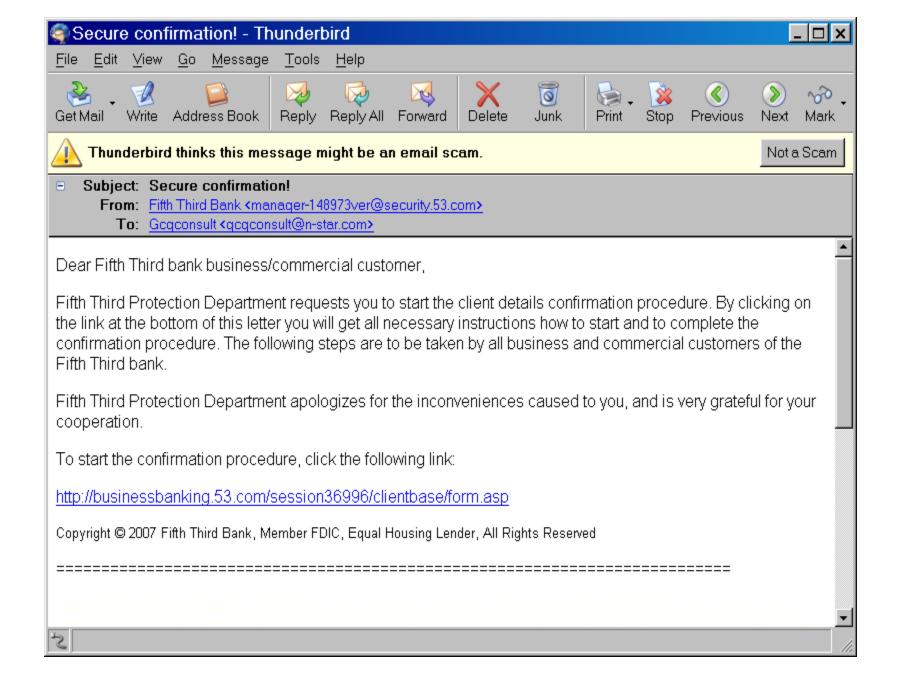
Operating Instructions: If it is wet, it's raining; If it is dry, it's clear; If it is white, it's snowing; If it is hot, it's sunny; If you can't see it, it's dark out; If it is swinging, it's windy; And, if it is missing, it's a tornado!

... It's not some virus we have allowed to infect us. It comes from within, and it always starts with a minority: it is probably enough if one person in every hundred wants to make civilized co-existence impossible. In the industrialized countries the overwhelming majority still prefer peace. Civil wars have not yet infected the mass of the population; they are still molecular. But, as events in Los Angeles show, they can escalate at any time to epidemic proportions.

But can we really compare the one with the other? The Chetnik with the second-hand furniture dealer from Texas who climbs a tower and begins firing into the crowd with a machine-gun? The Liberian warlord with the skinhead who smashes his beer bottle over the head of an innocent pensioner? The rioters in Berlin with the jungle fighters in Cambodia? The Chechen mafia with the Sendero Luminoso? And all of this with the normality of small-town life in Germany, Sweden or France? Is all this talk of civil war an empty generalization, or plain hysteria?

I fear that, in spite of the differences, there are common denominators: the autistic nature of the perpetrators, and their inability to distinguish between destruction and self-destruction. In today's civil wars there is no longer any need to legitimize your actions. Violence has freed itself from ideology

Excerpts from: Civil Wars from L.A. to Bosnia by (c)Hans Magnus Enzenberger 1993, The New Press, NY



Is it?

- •Climate Change
- •(A) cyclical Phenomenon(a)
- •The end of life as we know it?
- •Gorebal Warming
- •Global Warming
- •Armageddon
- •A change in the weather
- •A combination of all?

The Response?

- Denial
- Panic
- •Rational
- •Fear?



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February 7, 2006

Scientist predicts 'mini Ice Age'

A Russian astronomer has predicted that Earth will experience a "mini Ice Age" in the middle of this century, caused by low solar activity.

Khabibullo Abdusamatov of the Pulkovo Astronomic Observatory in St. Petersburg said Monday that temperatures will begin falling six or seven years from now, when global warming caused by increased solar activity in the 20th century reaches its peak, RIA Novosti reported.

The coldest period will occur 15 to 20 years after a major solar output decline between 2035 and 2045, Abdusamatov said.

Dramatic changes in the earth's surface temperatures are an ordinary phenomenon, not an anomaly, he said, and result from variations in the sun's energy output and ultraviolet radiation.

The Northern Hemisphere's most recent cool-down period occurred between 1645 and 1705. The resulting period, known as the Little Ice Age, left canals in the Netherlands frozen solid and forced people in Greenland to abandon their houses to glaciers, the scientist said.

"Faced with the inexplicable, the temptation to find the simplest possible explanation becomes irresistible. It is no surprise that, of all the possible interpretations, politicians and leaderwriters reach for the weakest they can lay their hands on. In this they are simply following established party lines. Anyone reviewing their efforts might as well refer to the abridged version."

Enzenberger in Civil Wars from L.A. to Bosnia

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Data affirm cancer rate drop tied to hormone

New statistics on breast tumors cite the same low level of diagnosis from 2003-2004

By TODD ACKERMAN

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New federal statistics reinforce last year's report that attributed the most significant drop in U.S. breast cancer rates to millions of older women stopping menopause hormones, according to a new analysis.

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The analysis found the same level of incidence occurred in 2004 as 2003, when the rate declined 7 percent.

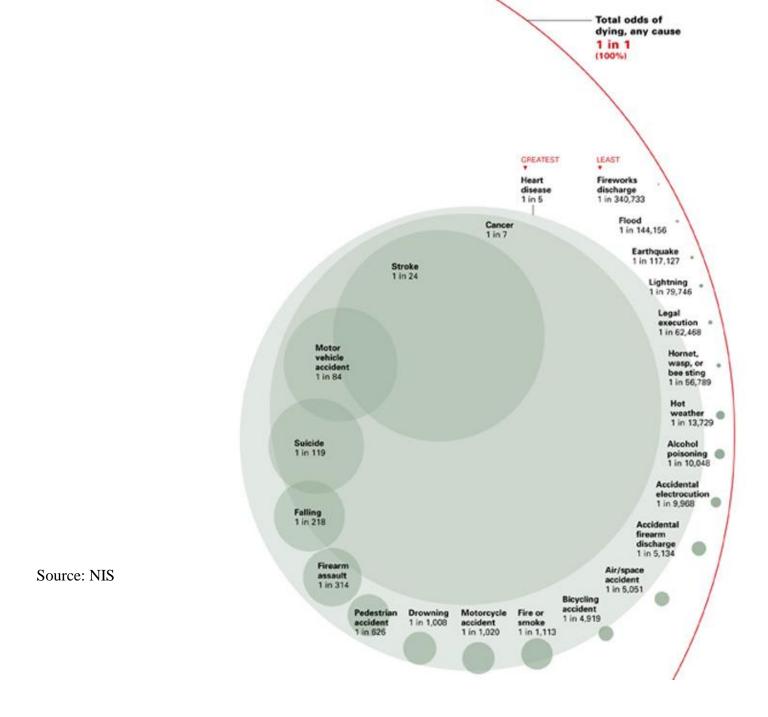
Researchers theorize that the reason was women's abandonment of hormone replacement therapy after a large study was stopped in 2002 because the pills were found to increase health risks.

"Lots of people wondered whether 2003's drop was just a one-year wonder, whether the numbers would rise again in 2004," said Dr. Peter Ravdin, a biostatistician at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and the study's lead researcher. "This shows the drop was real."

Based on the findings, the researchers estimate that about 16,000 fewer cases of breast cancer are being diagnosed each year. The decline is being seen mostly in the type of tumors fueled by estrogen, known as estrogen-receptor (ER)-positive breast cancer. From mid-2002 to 2004, such cancer fell almost 15 percent among women ages 50-69, the group most likely to have been on hormone pills.

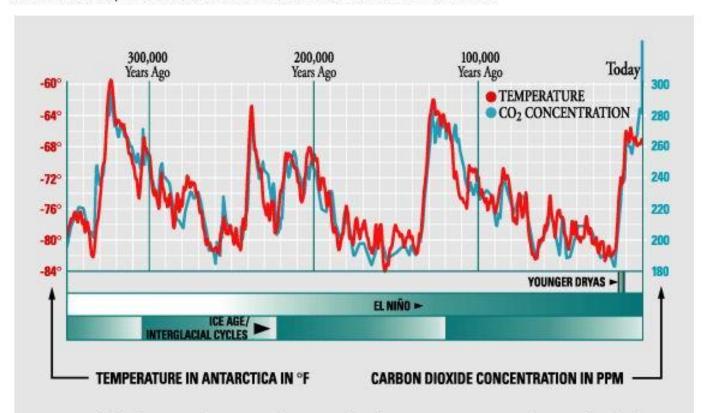
Ravdin stressed that the population-based analysis, published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, could not prove causation, and that other factors could be occurring simultaneously. But he said the new data only strengthen his belief.

Rather than hearing about the consensus of "the majority of scientists", I much prefer to listen to a few scientists that make sense



Global Warming – Man-Made?

This graph is based on ice cores drilled in Vostok, Antarctica. It shows temperature changes near the South Pole, which were more extreme than in the middle latitudes.



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G.O.P. Candidates Confront Immigration Politics

By ADAM NAGOURNEY Published: March 20, 2007

DES MOINES, March 17 — <u>Immigration</u>, an issue that has divided <u>Republicans</u> in Washington, is reverberating across the party's presidential campaign field, causing particular complications for Senator John McCain of Arizona.

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Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press Senator Sam Brownback, right, with Pat Hickey at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Des Moines, where he heard from yoters on immigration.

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The topic came up repeatedly in recent campaign swings through Iowa by Mr. McCain and Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas, another Republican who, like Mr. McCain, supports giving some

illegal immigrants a path to citizenship, a position that puts them at odds with many other conservatives. Both candidates faced intensive questioning from voters on the issue, which has become more prominent in the state as immigrants are playing a larger and increasingly visible role in the economy and society.

"Immigration is probably a more powerful issue here than almost anyplace that I've been," Mr. McCain said after a stop in Cedar Falls.

As he left Iowa, Mr. McCain said he was reconsidering his views on how the immigration law might be changed. He said he was open to legislation that would require people who came to the United States illegally to return home before applying for citizenship, a measure proposed by Representative Mike Pence, Republican of Indiana. Mr. McCain has previously favored legislation that would allow most illegal immigrants to become citizens without leaving the country.

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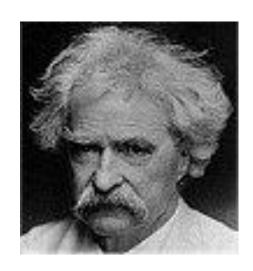
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- 1. There will be no special bilingual programs in the schools, no special ballots for elections, and all government business will be conducted in our language.
 - 2. Foreigners will NOT have the right to vote, no matter how long they are here.
 - 3. Foreigners will NEVER be able to hold political office.
 - 4. Foreigners will not be a burden to the taxpayers. No welfare, no food stamps, no health care, nor any other government assistance programs.
 - 5. Foreigners can invest in this country, but it must be an amount equal to 40,000 times the daily minimum wage.
- 6. If foreigners do come and want to buy land that will be okay, **BUT** options will be restricted. You are not allowed to own waterfront property. That property is reserved for citizens naturally born into this country.
 - 7. Foreigners may not protest; no demonstrations, no waving a foreign flag, no political organizing, no "bad-mouthing" our president or his policies. If you do you will be sent home.
 - 8. If you do come to this country illegally, you will be hunted down and sent straight to jail.

The above laws happen to be the immigration laws of " MEXICO "!



"History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme."

-- Mark Twain

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All truth passes through three stages:

First, it is ridiculed.

Second, it is violently opposed.

Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

Arthur Schopenhauer philosopher

CIVIL WAR

Germans cannot parade ourselves as guarantors of freedom and champions of human rights while mobs of German thugs and arsonists are spreading fear and terror day and night.

We cannot solve the situation in Kashmir; we know little of the struggle between the Sunnis and the Shiites, between the Tamils and the Sinhalese; whatever is to become of Angola must, in the first instance, be decided by the Angolans. And before we put a spoke in the wheels of the warring Bosnians, we ought to mop up the civil war in our own country. Our priority is not Somalia, but Hoyerswerda and Rostock, Mölln and Solingen. That is something we *are* capable of doing, a position we can expect everyone to support. That is what we have to answer for. But you don't have to be German to understand what that means: *Hic rhodus, hic salta!* First things first.

Everywhere we look the war is on our own doorstep.

Trying to fight terrorists with military force is like trying to play baseball with a hockey stick.

The game has a lot action but it's difficult to keep score.

About the time our original 13 states adopted their new constitution, in 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the worlds greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

- 1. From bondage to spiritual faith;
- 2. From spiritual faith to great courage;
- 3. From courage to liberty;
- 4. From liberty to abundance;
- 5. From abundance to complacency;
- 6. From complacency to apathy;
- 7. From apathy to dependence;
- 8. From dependence back into bondage "

First they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Communist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Protestant.

Then they came for me,
and by that time there was no one
left to speak up for me.

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH: We do not condone torture. I have never ordered torture. I will never order torture. The values of this country are such that torture is not a part of our soul and our being.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Ms Lewinsky."

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/special_report/1998/12/98/review_of_98/themes/208715.stm

Al Gore, when asked about his illegal fundraising activities wherein he and John Huang helped take in more than \$130,000 for the Democratic Party at the Hsi Lai Buddhist temple (where videotape footage shows he was greeted by dozens of Buddhist monks with shaved heads and orange sashes or robes) in Hacienda Heights in southern California on 4/29/96:

"I didn't realize I was in a Buddhist temple."

Then, as details of the event started to come out in October, Gore claimed: "Number one, we have strictly abided by all of the campaign finance laws, strictly. There've been no violations." (Al Gore on NBC's "Meet the Press," 10/13/96)

Well, Janet Reno's Justice Department, concentrating on the smallest fry involved (just to show they really are "doing their job"), claims to have prosecuted 21 people and one corporation to date. And so far, as Bill Bradley pointed out, 70 people have taken the fifth, 17 people have fled the country and 13 people have been convicted. "No violations," indeed.



Okay, so which way is it ???

New York Times headline, Sept. 5, 1997:
"Nuns Say Temple Event With
Gore Was Not a Fundraiser"

Washington Post headline, same day:

"Nuns Tell of Panic About Fundraiser: Documents Destroyed or Altered to Conceal Temple's Role with DNC"

Proof of global warming!!!



"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration." Lincoln's First Annual Message to Congress, December 3, 1861.

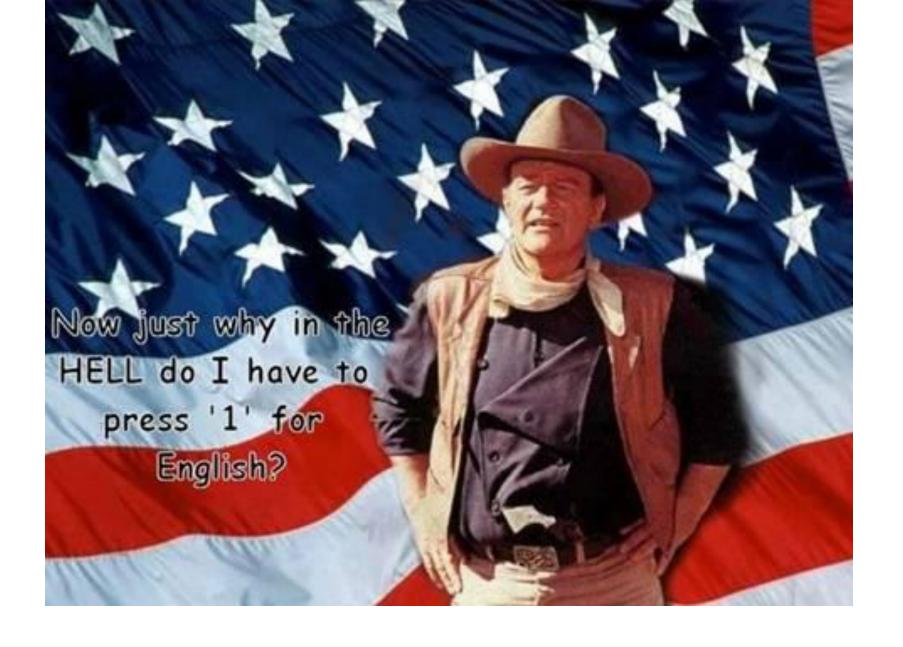
Bush administration changes a light bulb!

Question: How many members of the Bush Administration are needed to change a light bulb?

Answer: TEN.

- 1. One to deny that a light bulb needs to be changed;
- 2. One to attack the patriotism of anyone who says the light bulb needs to be changed;
- 3. One to blame Clinton for burning out the light bulb;
- 4. One to tell the nations of the world that they are either for changing the light bulb or for eternal darkness;
- 5. One to give a billion dollar no-bid contract to Halliburton for a new light bulb;
- 6. One to arrange a photograph of Bush, dressed as a janitor, standing on a step ladder under the banner "Bulb Accomplished";
- 7. One administration insider to resign and in detail reveal how Bush was literally "in the dark" the whole time;
- 8. One to viciously smear #7;
- 9. One surrogate to campaign on TV and at rallies on how George Bush has had a strong light bulb-changing policy all along;
- 10. And finally, one to confuse Americans about the difference between screwing a light bulb and screwing the country.

And after all is said and done, no one will notice that they never actually managed to change the light bulb....



We emerged as a wounded party; we stopped trusting the public; and we internalized the wrong lesson. . . . As soon as politics superseded policy and principle, the avalanche of earmarks that is crushing the party began.

"Why of course the people don't want war. Why should some poor slob on farm want to risk his life in a war when the best he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece? Naturally the common people don't want war neither in Russia, nor in England, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the peacemakers for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country.

by:Hermann Goering

(1893-1946) Commander-in-Chief of the Luftwaffe, President of the Reichstag, Prime Minister of Prussia and, as Hitler's designated successor, the second man in the Third Reich. [Göring]Date:April 18, 1946Source:Nuremberg Diary (Farrar, Straus & Co 1947), by Gustave Gilbert (an Allied appointed psychologist), who visited daily with Goering and his cronies in their cells, afterwards making notes and ultimately writing the book about these conversations.

The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil

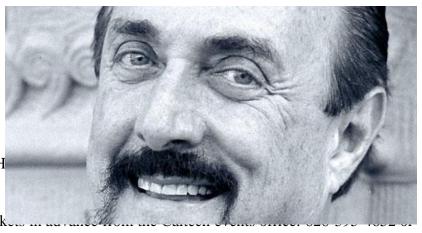
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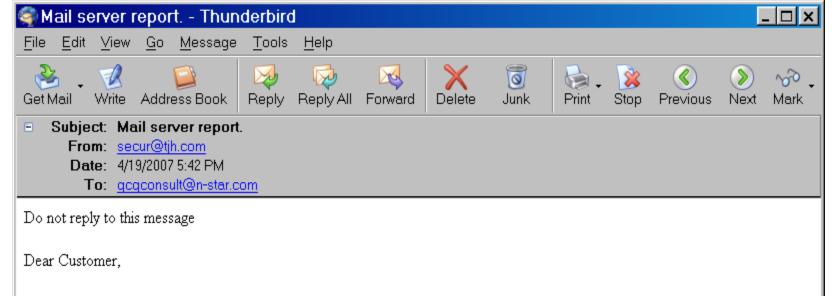
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How is it possible for ordinary, average, even good people to become perpetrators of evil? Dr. Zimbardo, Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, ran the famous "Stanford Prison Experiment" in the late 1960s that randomly assigned healthy, normal intelligent college students to play the roles of prisoner or guard in a projected 2 week-long study that he was forced to terminate after only 6 days because it went out of control, with pacifists becoming sadistic guards, and normal kids breaking down emotionally. Dr. Zimbardo applies his theories to understanding torture in the Inquisition, the massacre in Rwanda, the rape of Nanking, and the abuse and torture in Iraq's infamous Abu Ghraib prison.

Dr. Zimbardo reviews the research findings from conformity, obedience to authority, role-playing, dehumanization, deindividuation and moral disengagement, that validate the assertion that situational power is stronger than we appreciate, and may come to dominate individual dispositions. He introduces the "evil of inaction" as a new form of evil that supports those who are the perpetrators of evil, by knowing but not acting to challenge them. Finally, after considering "The banality of evil" as everyman and every woman's potential for engaging in evil deeds despite their generally moral upbringing and pro-social life style, Dr. Zimbardo introduces the new concept of "The Banality of Heroism" by those who defied the Lucifer Effect.



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Human purpose ... Our work is not done

"That everyone should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all their labor, it is the gift of God"

(Ecclesiastes 3:13)

Human effect ...

If you are part of something, for instance the Universe, then you have something to do with what it does.

