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After “waking up” in 2001 and starting my journey outside the matrix while working in the financial district in London, I decided, like a number of people, to start educating others regarding the global control that the elites had over the world population in 2004/2005. David Icke’s book “The Biggest Secret” was a major catalyst for my waking along with 9/11.

Although the internet (at that time) had people talking about the illuminati, the New World Order and a number of other groups, I wanted to setup a website that the layman in the street could understand and find plausible. Something that was based in studied science rather than “conspiracy theory” for the uninitiated.

The following web pages are based on my own knowledge of psychology and what I felt, at the time, was happening in the world (with the limited knowledge I had gained, not realising as I do now, the scale of the control by the global elites).

I hope you enjoy my first venture into writing an E-book!

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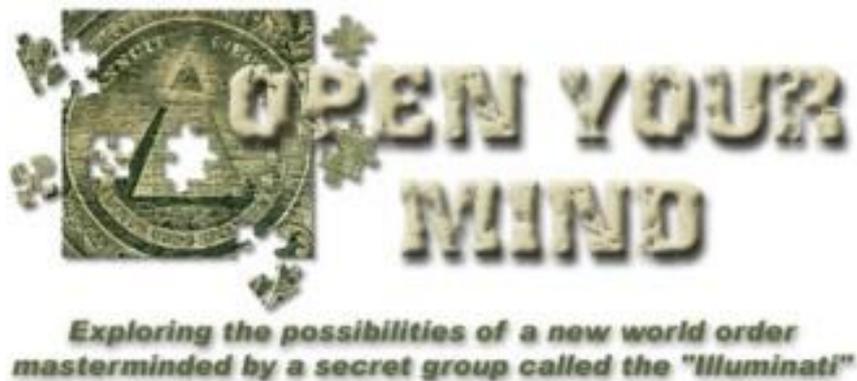
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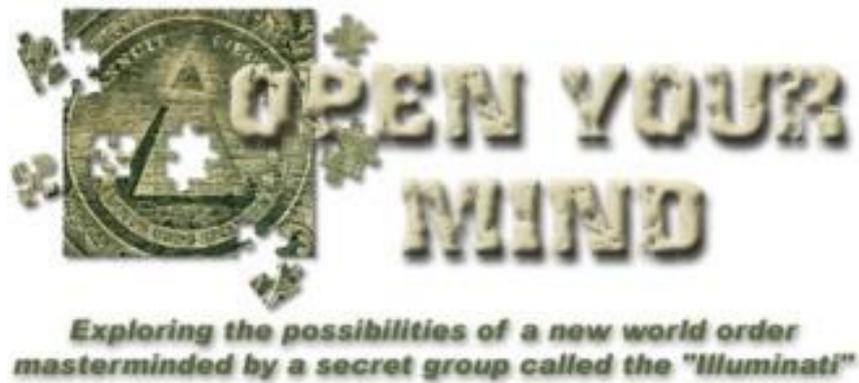
About This Site

This site is designed to (hopefully) help people to open their minds to the possibility that a global elite are running the world. I will explain, in basic psychological terms, why this is possible and why this is happening.

The subject matter resembles a large jigsaw puzzle where each piece (in isolation) can sound unbelievable. Once you start putting the pieces together, the full extent and control of the global elite starts to emerge.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

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The Basics

To understand what is meant by the New World Order and the Illuminati, we have to go back to the basics. I class myself as an open minded sceptic, which means, although I have an open mind to certain possibilities, I need real proof before I can believe it.

I have been involved in information technology and psychology for over 18 years and travelled around the world, so I like to think that I have an open minded logical approach to understanding this subject. Although I have been interested in ufology and the paranormal for longer than I care to remember, it has only been in the last 3/4 years that I have studied the New World Order and the Illuminati in dept.

Understanding human nature has helped me (and hopefully you) to open my mind to things that are going on in the world that most of us are not aware of. Even after 65,000 years of human evolution, man still has the same urges and needs. Obviously over time, they have been refined into a socially acceptable structure which we call "society".

To understand this subject you have to be able to think "outside the box" and to be able to comprehend what might be happening in the world, unfortunately, we are so busy with our daily lives that we don't take the time to sit back and see what's going on (basically, a head in the sand attitude). The other comment I hear over and over again is "what can we do about it??", read on.

There are numerous web sites on the subject, so I am not going to go into detail as to who or what the Illuminati are. This web site is design to give the sceptics among you a way to understand how things are possible, once you open your mind and understand the basics of psychology. I will do this by using every day examples.

All of the web sites that I have visited do not go into detail regarding the psychology involved in how, as human beings, we work on a day to day basis. I feel that once you understand the basics, then you can relate to what the New World Order and the Illuminati are trying to do.

The links page will bring you to sites that cover the Illuminati in more detail. If you do not understand anything, come back here and re-read the basics.

If you need any more information, please email me and I'll add more detail to the web site.

(NB: Links are very old and are not available anymore)

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Understanding The Mind

We all know that we have a conscious and a subconscious. Here are some definitions regarding both:-

Conscious

The waking mind policed by ethics, morality, rights and wrong. It self-imposes rules, restrictions, and regulates action and behaviour

Subconscious

Subconscious mind: psychic activity just below the level of awareness. Just below the level of consciousness.

Because the subconscious relates to our psychic ability, companies like Coca Cola have used subliminal messages in their advertising to sell their products during the sixties. How did they do this?? This is how - before the end of the first half of the movie, they would put subliminal pictures of Coca Cola into the movie just before the intermission. People, unknown to them, were subliminally programmed to buy a can of Cola. During this unethical advertising campaign (surprise, surprise) sales of Coca Cola increased.

Although the conscious mind could not see anything different, the subconscious mind could see the subliminal pictures. This is because the subconscious mind sees everything (Coca Cola did get caught doing this and had to stop - there is documented proof regarding this).

When we do a repetitive task i.e. driving to work, the task, over a period of time goes from the conscious to the subconscious due to the repetitive nature of the task. I'm sure we have all driven somewhere and not remembered part of the journey. This applies to nearly everything we do and has happened to all of use at some stage.

Another example is learning a musical instrument. When you first start to learn, you have to consciously practice step by step. After a few years of playing the basics, you are able to play without even having to think about what you're playing since the initial repetitive practice over the years has moved it from the conscious to the subconscious.

The use of our subconscious can also be explained in another way. We all have a sixth sense, which we subconsciously use on a regular basis. Have you ever been in the situation where you are driving in a car with someone and you decide to open/close the window, then the person beside you says, "I was just about do ask you to do that" or "I was just about to do that". Have you called someone or has someone called you and they say, "I was just about to call you" or "I was just thinking of you" - well this is our sixth sense/subconscious at work.

So what have we learned - well we now hopefully understand how sensitive and susceptible our subconscious mind is to information that is all around us and how we use or sixth sense. Even today, advertising companies understand that if they can show you a product with a strong logo or jingle on a repetitive basis, sooner or later you will be able to draw the logo or sing the jingle word for word.

Case History

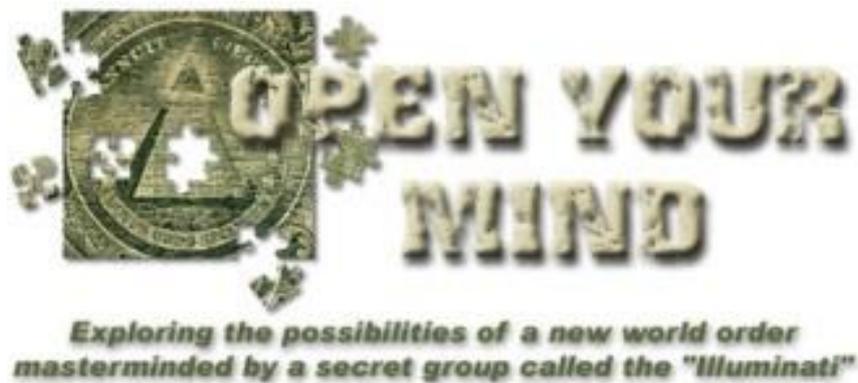
In one of my many IT jobs, I worked with a young South African girl who was quit religious and obviously at the age of 21, still unaware of what was going on in the world. One day we were talking and got around to the subject of the state of the world and how people seem to be unhappy and working just to pay their bills.

I explained to her about what I felt was going on and how there were elements controlling the masses and manipulating our lives. She was a bit taken back by what I said and then mentioned something that I was surprised to hear. She said that she felt that something was going on, but she didn't understand what it was and didn't know why she felt this way? When I explained what was happening, it was as if someone had opened a locked door!!

What was happening was that her subconscious was picking up certain things that she knew were not right. Unfortunately because she didn't understand the subject matter and how, both the conscious and subconscious works, she could not decipher the information.

Although she has gone back to South Africa, I am still in contact with her. She is now researching the subject to understand her initial feelings.

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Understanding Psychology

Now that you know how the subconscious mind works, we will explore the meaning of “psychology”. Up to the early seventies, the only information available regarding the study of psychology were mountains and mountains of academic papers on the subject. This was until a man called Julius Fast published a book called “Body Language” in the mid seventies. This was the first book that kicked started my interest in the psychology. The subject matter fascinated me, and even to this day, the contents of the book are still relevant.

What do we mean by “psychology”. Here are a few definitions:-

- 1) The science that deals with mental processes and behaviour.**
- 2) The emotional and behavioural characteristics of an individual or group.**
- 3) Study of the mind and how it works.**

I have met people over the years, who I have to say, were narrow minded and did not believe that you could tell how a person was feeling by their body language. If this is the case, than how is it that we, intuitively, know when a partner is not happy or a work colleague is angry etc. This is our subconscious picking up the body language and sending the non-verbal information to our conscious.

Unfortunately, men do not have the same level of intuition that women have. Women tend to be very perceptive to body language due to their sensitive nature.

The skill is being able to de-code and understand the information that you're subconscious is sending you. Practice makes perfect, so the more you understand body language, the higher your perceptivity becomes.

So, why all this talk about body language, well, governments of the world have studied psychology and mind control for decades and have used this on numerous occasions just like the advertising agencies, but on a more sinister level.

We have all manipulated someone to get what we wanted sometime in our lives. This can be as simple as asking your child to pick up their toys before you give them a sweet, or asked a partner to do something that she/he didn't really want to do. This, whether you like it or not, is "manipulation".

So, if you, as an individual, would manipulate your family, friends etc for your own personal gain (which I'm sure we have done at some time), then doesn't it make sense that politicians, media tycoons, church leaders, presidents, bankers etc, would also use this technique to manipulate people to do things that they wanted them to do?? Everyone has a level of selfishness and greed which changes throughout our lives due to personal experiences and how we've been treated by society. Presidents and Prime Ministers might have important jobs to do, but they are still human and still have their own agenda's.

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Overt/Covert Manipulation

We have often heard about secret agencies like M15 involved in covert operations.

What do we mean by Covert/Overt?? Here are some definitions:-

Overt

Open and observable; not hidden, concealed, or secret

Covert

Not openly practiced, avowed, engaged in, accumulated, or shown: covert military operations; covert funding for the rebels.

Covered or covered over; sheltered.

Now we would be very naive to assume that the governments of the world do not get involved in covert operations. I'm sure if Winston Churchill did not do this during World War II, we would all be speaking German!! So we can understand that covert operations can benefit a country during times of war, this being one example. The same applies when government troops are overtly sent into a country to keep the peace with warring factions.

Unfortunately in every barrel you get a bad apple and this applies to every area of our society. So why should governments be any different??

How many times have we heard of scandals involving politicians who used their position to manipulate people into doing something or have been found guilty abusing their position of power for personal gain.

To control and manipulate millions of people you need to be in positions of power and authority. So, technically, it would only take a small number of powerful men in the world to control the masses.

This control of the people has not happened over night, this is something that has been going on for centuries. How many times have to heard people saying that it's one rule for the politicians, presidents etc and another rule for ordinary people? Thomas Jefferson, the first president of the United States said "everyman is equal", but at the time he said this he had 200 slaves working for him. If this is not hypocritical, I don't know what is!! Maybe what he should of said was, "Everyman is equal, but some men are more equal than others!".

Time and time again people are getting more and more frustrated by the way our freedom is taken away by new laws passed by governments around the world who, supposedly, protect us. How many times have we heard about "Big Brother" watching our every move with CCTV cameras, paper trails etc.

We either knowingly or unknowingly give away our freedom and human rights if our lives or our families lives are threatened. You may not have noticed, but when something like a terrorist attack happens, the first thing that gets put through are new "laws" to help the government catch the terrorist by increasing the power of the state and reducing the freedom of its people. Unfortunately people are so scared that they accept it. So this means they are giving away their human rights and their freedom out of fear. Freedom, this is what the Illuminati want us to think we have. Ask yourself, do sheep have freedom in a field surrounded by bushes??

All I would say to you is to keep an open mind to the possibilities that there are things going on that we are not aware of, so don't assume that the governments of the world have your best interests at heart, they don't!!

Unfortunately even politicians and state leaders are still human and have their own agenda's. In the last few decades we have begun to realise that politicians do lie and do not keep their promises. The amount of people who do not vote in the general elections has reduced drastically due to the fact that the general population do not trust their governments any more.

This web site will hopefully open your mind - listen to your instincts!!

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Mind Control

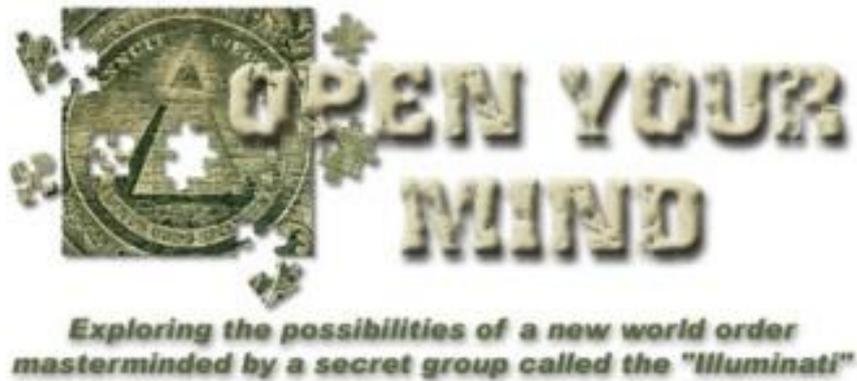
Once you understand the human psyche, then it is a lot easier to control and manipulate the masses. It has been documented that the American Government has been experimenting with mind control techniques for decades, the main one being "MK Ultra".

Now a large number of people would say that mind control is not possible. Well if you have seen a stage hypnotist, you would realise that mind control is possible!!

I attended a Paul McKenna show at the Wembley Conference centre a few years ago. There was a 6' 4 builder built like a brick s***house dancing to the sugar plum fairy with a pink tutu around his waist....very funny.

What if this skill was used for more sinister purposes??

Again, throughout history, conspiracy theorists have pinpointed a number of high profile assassinations being associated with mind control stool pigeons. Mark Chapman shooting John Lennon being a prime example.



The Global Elite

This whole thing with the Illuminati and a shadow government may be unreal to many people, but stay with me for a while and give it a chance. Most of us can agree upon that something is very wrong with this planet. Civil wars, diseases, famine, ethnic cleansing, religious wars, different violations of human rights ... the list is long and it just goes on. Are all those bad conditions totally separated from each other, or do they have a common source?

The problem with most people accepting this philosophy is due to the fact that historically, man has always wanted to control the masses from the beginning. The Roman Empire, Egyptian Empire to name a couple, all tried to rule the world in some way. So, if this pre-meditated quest happened thousands of years ago, why can't the same thing happen again?? If anything, with the current technological infrastructure in place, it would be much easier. The Illuminati have been around since the early 17th century, started by a man called Adam Weishaupt, and funded by one of the most powerful and richest families of the day, the Rothschilds. Incidentally, the Rothschilds are still in existence and are still involved with the global elite.

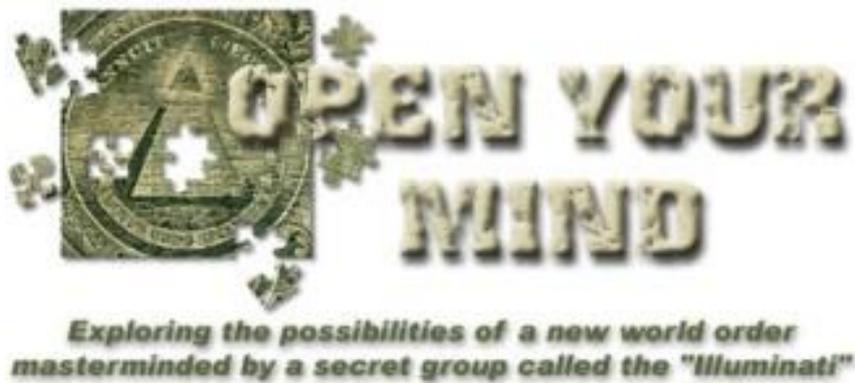
The first misconception is that it is about money, **WRONG**. It is about control of the masses. First of all you have to subconsciously program the mind, this is called mass hypnosis or "brain washing". This is done by the media and society.

Advertisements will tell us that we need to have xyz product to be happier, smarter etc and society controls the way we act in our daily lives. If you do something that goes against what society dictates, then your “weird” or “strange”. Why should this be the case??? Can we not express ourselves without been seen as “weird” or “strange”.

The next stage is to dumb down the population via the education system. This is done by the subject matter being thought, most of it, especially relating to history is total rubbish. The left side of the brain deals with the logical, analytical and mathematical, the right side of the brain deals with creativity, intuition and imagination. As you will notice, most of the subjects taught in school today are left brain activities. The subjects taught in school also make the younger generation great employee's.

They say “money makes the world go around”, but if it is so important to us on a day to day basis i.e. paying rent, getting mortgages, understanding interest rates etc, why do they not teach these subjects in school??? Because, if we were taught these subjects from an early age in school, we would be financial astute and careful with our money (probably avoiding credit cards!!). Now, this would not do since the banking system would lose billions of pounds in interest payments. So we have more and more people getting into debt with higher and higher interest payments, simple because they do not understanding their finances or the financial system, this is only the tip of the iceberg. As the old saying goes, "ignorance is bliss".

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Controlling The Masses

You might be wondering how a small number of people (in relation to the world population) can control the world, well this is very simple.

Let's look at the standard hierarchical structure of an everyday company. The following diagram is the standard hierarchical structure of a company. This hierarchy could apply to a company with 50 employees, or 25,000 employees (see image).

I think we can agree that the board of directors know everything that is going on within the company, and everyone else knows nothing, generally speaking. So, no matter how big the company is, you still have a small number of people at the top (the board of directors) that run and control the company (see Image).

The Illuminati are a secret society (and like most secret societies throughout the ages), they communicate using symbols or signs. Since the ordinary man in the street does not know what the symbols or signs are, or the meaning of them, he is none the wiser.



Now let's have a look at the back of an American dollar bill (see below). Refer back to the company structure image on the last page where the top part of the pyramid is removed, notice anything??

What you are seeing is illuminati symbolism stating that they have the knowledge (the all seeing eye) and the rest of us are ignorant to what is going on. Let's have a look at the wording around the pyramid.



The latin words "novus ordo seclorum" appear on the back of the US one dollar bill, below the pyramid and all-seeing eye. Above the pyramid are the latin words "annuit coeptis" (meaning annual assembly of enemies or friends)? Novus is Latin for new or extraordinary; ordo means order, rank or class; seclorum or saecularis means relating to the world or secular age (it also refers to intervals of 100 years). Thus you have the assembly of the **NEW WORLD ORDER** (although some people will say that this translates to "A New Order Of The Ages", depending on which side of the camp you are on. At the base of the pyramid are the Roman numerals for 1776.

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What Can I Do?

One of the things the global elite want to do is enslave the masses, kept you depressed, angry and resentful. The one way they can do this is to keep people in debt, so you have to work to pay your bills. Over the last few years I have noticed an increase in Bank's offering more and more credit.

Why do the news channels always have bad news?, why do they all report on the same information at the same time? Why are all the TV soaps depressing and scripted (in the majority of cases) on negative story lines i.e. divorce, sex scandals, affairs, drugs, murder.

Why are large corporate companies closing down or moving their factories to different locations for cheaper labour while reporting large profits?

When something major happens in the world, ask yourself this question - who would benefit from that xyz disaster/war etc.

Why? Why? Why? That's the question you should be asking yourself. This is a big jigsaw that needs to be put together, and that's what I'm doing, piece by piece. It is far from being completed, but I'm getting there!!

This sounds ludicrous, you say, and when I first started studying the subject I thought the same. But you have to start somewhere, so understanding the mind/body and then going further on, will be a good start.

The Chinese and Tibetan cultures have known for centuries how the mind and the body work together, so once YOU also understand this, you will then understand why it is so important. Meditation, Acupuncture and Reiki are all used in healing the mind and the body.

Example - We have all seen the Sholin Monks demonstrate the power of chi. Balancing on razor sharp swords, wooden planks broken over various parts of their bodies and other implements used in various other death defying ways that would kill a normal person. This demonstrates how powerful we could be if we knew how to use our mind. Well, this is the first step in reaching this ability. We have also heard of people do super human feats in times of danger like lifting a car off someone who was trapped underneath it. When asked to do it again, they could not.

The other philosophy that the eastern cultures believe in is "what you give out, you will receive" and "like attracts like". This has been transcribed into a number of other sayings that we use in the western world i.e. "you reap what you sow", "what goes around, comes around", "live by the sword, die by the sword". These sayings all mean the same thing. I have started to use a positive philosophy in life and have noticed a big difference when applied. There is one stipulation, however, it will not work successfully if you are not sincere. People will eventually pick up on your insincerity via their sixth sense/subconscious.

So here are a number of common sense solutions to help you to "Open Your Mind".

Things To Do:-

- 1) Pay off your debt's and cut up your credit cards. Even if a small number of people do this the banks will loss thousands of pounds. As my grandmother used to say, "out of debt, out of trouble".
- 2) Spread the word, tell people what you are doing and get them to do the same.
- 3) Stay positive, negative energy and stress can cause health, social and personal problems. Try and learn how to meditate.
- 4) Keep an open mind and try not to make too many assumptions unless you know the exact truth. There are two sides to every story so until you hear both sides, don't assume that one side of the story is the truth.
- 5) Do not believe everything you hear, especially from politicians!!
- 6) Try and use the eastern philosophy "what you give out, you will receive" and do it with sincerity. This apart from anything else, will improve your life and make you more positive.

The global elite have until the year 2012 to get there policies, or whatever you would like to call them, in place. This date has been predicted by a number of people around the world. By 2012, paper money will be worthless - the only thing of value will be gold and silver.

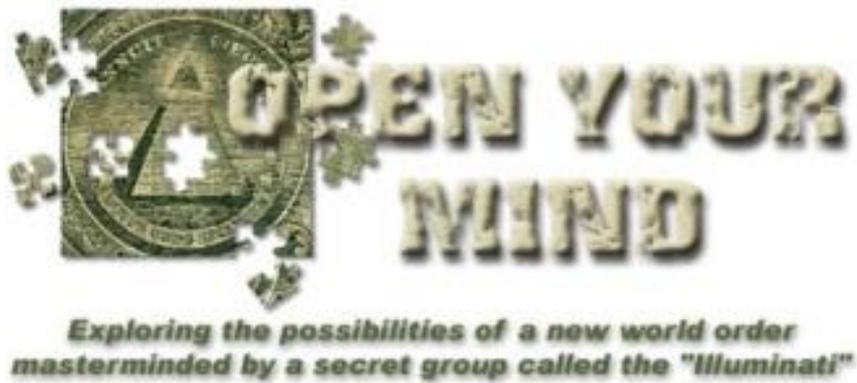
You may ask, "why don't the Illuminati come out and show themselves?". This question is easy to answer. If you are in charge of an army platoon on a secret mission to capture a position across enemy lines, you would not let the enemy know you are there until your men are in place and ready to strike.

You would also make sure that the enemy had nowhere to escape. This is exactly what the Illuminati are doing. They are putting their people and plans in place. Once this is achieved and know that we cannot do anything about it, they will show themselves.

Conclusion

There are two ways you can view this subject matter. First of all you could approach it with a closed/narrow minded attitude and debunk everything, or, like me, take the sceptical open minded approach and research the subject further. People who do not know the subject matter will debunk the subject. I have friends who have done this and when I asked them how much research they have done, they normally say "none". So if they have not researched the subject how the hell can they debunk something they do not understand? because it's easier to debunk it than admit that they know nothing about it and show a weakness in their intelligence. The fact that the global elite are doing this in the shadows rather than advertising it also makes the subject even more unbelievable.

Well let's put it into prospective, if I, and a large number of people who have investigated this subject globally, are wrong, then you can have a good laugh about it. But what if we are right??



2012?

Apart from the obvious predictions from Nostradamus and apocalyptic catastrophes mentioned in the book of revelations (the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse etc), what else has been predicted for the end of the century? I think what we have all noticed at some point is the speeding up of time. Some scientists have said that this is due to a celestial body known as the "Photon Belt". What is this and what impact is it going to have (if any) on the planet and the people on the planet? Well, let's look at some background information.

The Mayans were a very advanced tribe of people who originated in the Yucatan around 2600 B.C. and rose to prominence around A.D. 250. They could predict the seasons and knew exactly when crops had to be planted or harvested. So, what has this got to do with 2012? Well the Mayan calendar ends on December 21st 2012 with no predictions after this date. They predicted a celestial change around the turn of the century. So what could this celestial change mean for us? The scientific community agrees that there is a change taking place which they have called the "Photon Belt". Apparently this change takes place every 24,000 years and the fact that we currently reside on the planet is irrelevant.

What is this Photon Belt? Here is the scientific bit - Let us outline the mechanics of this anticipated encounter of our solar system with the photon belt. The whole universe is held together by means of vortices within vortices of centripetal energy--with their associated electromagnetic fields—like whirlpools on water, within larger whirlpools (this is the machinery behind Einstein's space time topology of general relativity). These spiralling energies give rise to natural

space time orbits: satellites around planets, planets around stars, solar systems around other more major vortex centres, and so on. Our planet Earth orbits the Sun once a year but our solar system as a whole also traverses an orbit in this section of the galaxy with a period of about 24,000 years [26,000 years]. There are many other solar (star) systems in this cyclic motion (just as there are numerous planets orbiting the Sun).

The Pleiades, about 400 light years from us is part of this system and in fact our solar system orbits the central sun of the Pleiades, Alcyone; the photon belt encircles the Pleiades system. In fact it consists of many photon bands emanating from the centre of the galaxy, associated with the spiral arms of the galaxy. Thus our solar system, and therefore planet Earth, takes some 24,000 years to come back to its same point in this particular orbit. Picture several star systems in a massive orbit, but now envisage overall a toroid or doughnut-shaped cloud cutting across these orbiting star systems. This is the photon belt, or a photon band. This means our solar system goes through the belt twice each cycle of 24,000 years (that is, every half cycle). The thickness of the photon cloud is such that it takes about 2000 years for our solar system to pass through, and therefore about 10,000 years between each encounter with this belt ($2 \times 10,000$ plus $2 \times 2000 = 24,000$ years). Around the early 1980s a radio announcement in the U.S. was made that our solar system was, in fact, going to collide with an "electromagnetic cloud" in the not too distant future. However, this incredibly important statement of astronomical and historical significance was expressed in the usual casual and indifferent manner as though of little consequence follow up data was then suppressed and another government cover-up was contrived or the typical purpose of exploiting where possible natural events to camouflage contrived chaos.

This celestial phenomenon that is supposed to rebalancing the planet (according to the book, "The Only Planet of Choice"). After speaking to a number of people about this subject, the one thing that they all agree on is that they do not know what will happen. Some people say that we will feel nothing, other people say that the earth will stop revolving for three days, the sky will stay dark for three days and the north and south poles will switch. After the third day, the earth will

start revolving in the opposite direction putting the planet back in balance. What would be the extent of the disaster if this happened? well, again, some people say that approximately 3 billion people will lose their lives due to this celestial change and other people say that it is a spiritual change and we will not be psychically affect by it. Sounds like something out of Star Trek! The bad is news is that, according to the scientists the photon belt is real, as to the level of disaster, if any, I do not know.

According to a number of spiritual articles on the internet, 2012 is when spiritual people will evolve to an even higher dimension. The only sad event will be that some families will be split up by the natural spiritual selection of the photon belt encounter. Some individuals will go with the more evolved Earth, referred to as 4th density, and others with the 3rd density Earth, which could permanently separate their evolution by several thousands of years (in rare instances one person taking the more evolved path may suspend progress to wait for the other). What if the Photon Belt did actually cause worldwide disaster? According to a prediction made by “Our Lady” (I was told this when I was young - the third secret of Fatima), she said that if Ireland/the world did not turn back to God, that it will be covered by water. Looking at the current weather conditions that we have had over the last 50 years, this could be possible (remember Louisiana).

Now there are another group of people which say that even though the earth will be devastated by the “Photon Belt”, there will be a few safe areas. This theory is called “65 degrees North”. This is the horizontal line what goes straight across the top of Ireland level with the Shetland Islands at the top of England. The people involved in this theory say that anything above this line will not be affect by the Photon Belt encounter. There will also be a few safe areas below this line, but as to where they are, I do not know. The Photon Belt is just one reason why people are focusing on alternative or self-sufficient energy sources. If you had no water, no power, no transport or no communication, what would you do? We rely so much on these luxuries in life and don’t give them a second thought. I don’t know about everyone else but I think I would rather be prepared just in case something did happen. It’s better to “have and not want it, than to want it and not have it”, plus the fact that using alternative or free energy devices will reduce my

household bills in one way or another. At this moment in time there are some states in America suffering power outages for days on end due to severe weather conditions. There's a lot to be said for self-sufficiency and free energy.

I would recommend doing your own research on free energy and the photon belt as there is more involved than what I have touched on in this article.

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Archives **Irish Examiner**

Treaty gives CIA powers over Irish citizens

By Dan Buckley (Thursday 21st July 2005)

US INVESTIGATORS, including CIA agents, will be allowed interrogate Irish citizens on Irish soil in total secrecy, under an agreement signed between Ireland and the US last week. Suspects will also have to give testimony and allow property to be searched and seized even if what the suspect is accused of is not a crime in Ireland.

Under 'instruments of agreement' signed last week by Justice Minister Michael McDowell, Ireland and the US pledged mutual co-operation in the investigation of criminal activity. It is primarily designed to assist America's so-called 'war on terror' in the wake of the September 11 atrocities.

The deal was condemned yesterday by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) as "an appalling signal of how the rights of Irish citizens are considered by the minister when engaging in international relations". The ICCL said it appeared to go far beyond even what has been agreed between EU countries.

On signing the agreement, the minister said that "the international community must do everything it can to combat terrorism with every means at its disposal.

"Ireland will not be found wanting," he added.

The treaty will give effect to agreements on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition signed by the EU and the US in June 2003. These are aimed at building on mutual assistance and extradition arrangements.

Although the Department of Justice insists that the arrangement merely updates existing agreements, it goes much further. The US may ask Irish authorities:

To track down people in Ireland.

Transfer prisoners in Irish custody to the US.

Carry out searches and seize evidence on behalf of the US Government.

It also allows US authorities access to an Irish suspect's confidential bank information. The Irish authorities must keep all these activities secret if asked to do so by the US.

The person who will request co-operation is US Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, the man who, as White House counsel, instigated the notorious 'torture memo' to US President George W Bush which advised how far CIA agents could go in torturing prisoners. The person to whom the request is sent is the Minister for Justice.

About 20,000 immigrants, who have not been charged with any crime, are currently in prison in the US. In two recent US Supreme Court cases, the US Government argued that US citizens could be imprisoned indefinitely without charge if the president designated them as "enemy combatants".

ICCL director Aisling Reidy said: "An extraordinary aspect to this treaty is, despite its scope and its potential to violate basic constitutional and human rights, that all this happened without debate or transparency.

"To agree to give such powers to a government which has allowed detention of its own citizens without access to a lawyer for over a year, which has legitimised Guantanamo Bay and the interrogation techniques there, without public debate, is an appalling signal of how highly or not the rights of Irish citizens are considered by the minister when engaging in international relations."

The Department of Justice said it was wrong to say the treaty happened without debate, as the agreements update and supplement existing arrangements, and the EU-US agreement has been scrutinised by the Oireachtas four times since December 2002.

A spokesperson also rejected that the measures go beyond what was agreed between EU countries.

Legislation will be required to give effect to some elements of the Mutual Legal Assistance Instrument. The necessary provisions will be contained in the Criminal Justice (Mutual Assistance) Bill which Mr McDowell expects to publish shortly.