

ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, RICHARD GAGE, & WORLD TRADE CENTER 7

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One memory buried deep in the rabbit hole of September 11, 2001 was Building #7 of the World Trade Center Towers, a 47-story modern steel frame building that collapsed in its footprint at 5:20PM on that fateful day.

Some consider it the smoking gun — the equivalent of the Kennedy assassination's Zapruder film — that puts into question the "mass reality" about what happened that day.

Over 1,700 architects and engineers have signed a petition disputing the "official narrative" concerning the destruction of those three buildings, maintaining the laws of physics proves the impossibility, and demanding the evidence be peer reviewed once again. Irrespective of imparting a comprehensive conspiracy theory about the events and systematic consequences of 9/11, these professionals merely state the "official story" from the **National Institute of Science and Technology** is scientifically absurd.

A visit to the website, **AE911truth.org** reveals a reality check, replete with Ed Asner narrating a documentary demonstrating visually, and with persuasive arguments from professionals both in and outside government spheres, how World Trade Center Seven came down. The group maintains that, rather than errant jet fuel and office fires creating enough heat to melt the steel frames of the one building not hit by an airplane, timed implosions indicative of a controlled demolition is the only viable explanation of the building's "pancake" collapse. With the incomplete report by NISA on WTC7, the website also questions the government agency's investigation of the Twin Towers' collapse, of which there are starkly similar comparisons.

As we reflect on the Kennedy assassination 50 years later, and the Zapruder Film documenting a second angle to the "official narrative," what we are told by an ever-homogenized mainstream media and what is evidenced differs substantially. In 1964, the Warren Commission released its findings about the Kennedy assassination in 26

volumes. At that time, 90% of Americans believed the lone gunman and "magic bullet" theory. In 2004, on the 40th anniversary of the Warren Commission Report, the same survey was conducted and 89% of Americans no longer believed in the official explanation still on the books of government record. The abundance of evidence, including the Zapruder film, eye witnesses, audio tracks, have seeped in over the years into American consciousness and demolished the "official narrative." The lost autopsy, the misplacing of the President's brain, and plausible motives relative to the time and individuals involved, all stretched the credulity of the official explanation, until it broke under the weight of fabrication.

Over the 11 years since 9/11, the "sanctioned interpretation" is being questioned not only by philosophers like David Ray Griffin (author, *9/11 Commission Report: Omissions and Distortions*) and politicians like Mike Gravel (the Alaskan Senator who ran for President in 2008), but by the families of victims who want to know what really happened to their loved ones, and why.

For now, the push for a new investigation is being kept alive by **Richard Gage**, an architect of 20+ years who founded the "AE911" movement in 2007 and has had multiple speaking engagements in universities throughout the nation. This writer spoke to him via telephone in mid-February.

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Where would you like to start?

I'd like to start with Building Seven. I found out on 9/11 at 5:20 in the afternoon, in front of God and all of us, this building came down at free fall speed. It was really extraordinary and looked like a controlled demolition. Dan Rather reported on mainstream news that "it looked like what we've seen so often before, a controlled demolition."

But the official report, which came out seven years later, said the building came

down due to regular office furniture burning. The official story claims that the beams on the 12th floor expanded due to thermal heat and that pushed girders out until a vertical collapse happened in just under seven seconds.

How can the official report get away with telling the American people a false story?

Fraud. In order to justify their computer simulation, the presentation was done on the fly. Worst structural failure in modern history and what was found in the rubble under the buildings would shock all architects and engineers. We know that fire, which was blamed for the collapse of the building, can't cause this kind of damage, but thermite can.

Evidence supports the theory everyone in the government denies. We have a media that is unwilling to air the evidence. If people don't see it on CNN, then 80% of them will not believe it. So we need to penetrate that resistance.

The foreknowledge angle is pretty compelling. The BBC announced that building seven had fallen 20 minutes before it fell. **You can see construction workers and firemen on CNN come by and say, after the explosions, "get back, watch, that building is about to come down."**

Never in history has a fire brought down a skyscraper. Many examples of fires that burned hotter and longer and did not bring down buildings, and yet three buildings came down that day.

How hot were the fires in Building Seven?

There were a couple small fires on the seventh and twelfth floors. Office fires burn around 1000°F and steel begins to melt at 2800°F. **Office fires are normal hydro-carbon fires and don't burn hot.** Now in the Twin Towers, jet fuel burns at around 600°F and office furniture caught fire and burnt inefficiently.

What's observed is the North Building's top twelve floors collapse and smash the rest

of the building to the ground, according to the official story. If you look at the video evidence, it defies the laws of gravity. The top of that building coming down was not simultaneous. The first four seconds of that building coming down, what happened to the rest of the building? More explosions and suddenly beams are being hurled at 60 miles an hour laterally, 400 feet vertically from the building.

What is causing that outward explosion? — if it is a mere collapse — a simple pancaking downward? Laterally, like a shot out of a cannon, debris is shooting in all directions.

That is extraordinary evidence itself, that there was lateral explosives projecting these elements out and beams trailing with white smoke, which means there has been something burning on them. Thousands of tons of concrete evaporate into dust in mid-air. Even the firemen at the site say — and you can see it on the video — the building implodes "pop, pop, pop ... the floors explode like it was a controlled demolition."

The official story is that it's a gravitational collapse or a pancake collapse, a bunch of pancakes? Forty or fifty floors stacked up, but we don't see that. How many did we find? Not fifty floors, not even ten of them. **We have less than a two story pile of miscellaneous metals, so we're missing a complete stack of pancakes, if the official story is true.** Where are the floors that caved in on each other, one floor falling on top of another?

Nobody would expect the complete destruction of every steel element in the building. The powder that landed all over lower Manhattan, twelve inches thick in some places and "four inches from river to river" — as Governor Pataki says in the video — all of that concrete dust was pulverized and it takes an incredible amount of energy to pulverize concrete. And a pancake collapse from one floor onto another cannot do that.

Each floor in the World Trade Center Towers had an acre of space, and concrete is poured into metal buckets that divide each

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floor. How does it evaporate into dust from falling and squashing the floor below it? How does that building, that substance, pulverize into small microscopic metal findings?

I found small metal filings myself in the dust that was found by others; millions of nano-thermite composites, tons of elemental iron spires in the dust. We haven't used iron in building structures in over a hundred years, so where did it come from?

The shape of the composites shows it came during the event in an extremely hot environment, hot enough to burn steel, which is over 2800°F, which office fires can't do, so what can create that heat? Only thermite, an incendiary military-grade product, that can reach temperatures of 4500°F and cut through steel like butter.

Why didn't the National Institute of Standards & Technology expose this in its official investigation?

This was not examined by NIST and it was passed over in its examination of the scene. At the hearings, they were barraged by questions about this and they had no answer because they didn't investigate. NIST said there was "no evidence of explosives." And they were asked: "Did you test for explosives?" And NIST said, "No, we didn't test for explosives." And that's why no explosives were found, they weren't looking for them.

After their report came out, they felt they could justify their "column failure theory" and that "fires caused the structural damage that brought down the buildings." So, if the fires caused the floor to sag, then the floors pulled in the perimeter columns which caused the building to collapse, which allowed the twelve floors on the North Tower to fall in on itself and that caused the entire building to collapse, supposedly.

What's the best evidence to disprove the government version?

The best evidence yet is the small thermite chips many scientists found, red on one side, gray on the other side. **When you look at them under an electron microscope, when enhanced 50,000 times, they contain in equal parts iron-oxide and aluminum powder.** These are very sophisticated nano-particals, thinner than a sliver of hair, which is the main ingredient in thermite, a military-grade explosive.

So, the evidence is there, but NIST refused to look at it. Very sophisticated defense contractor-grade explosives were found at Ground Zero, but the official story is the building collapsed in on itself. So, we really should be looking into who made this stuff.

In an independent 24-page report in a Copenhagen scientific journal, they examined baggies of these nano-thermite particles and concluded conclusively that they were explosives.

So, explosives were present at Ground Zero but that was not entered into the public record. Why?

NIST was given the responsibility by Congress to investigate and they brought in defense contractors to help them and to guide the investigation. But the defense contractors were the very ones to develop the nano-thermite explosive technology.

Families of the victims of 9/11 are on the new documentary along with professional experts asking for a new real investigation, they're pleading for justice to be done for their dead relatives. But the evidence remains unaddressed and there are family members who will not rest until justice is done — 2,744 victims at the World Trade Center deserve justice.

What can be done now?

We've lost civil liberties, gone to two major wars, the Patriot Act, the NDAA and a surveillance society have undermined the liberties we've taken for granted in our Constitution ... **Well-meaning Americans, who are aware, need to stand up and do something.** Nothing will happen unless we do something. Send the link to the free documentary to as many friends and family as you can and please send to every architect and engineer you know so they can sign our petition. Then we can force a real investigation and give the family members the justice they deserve.

Mr. Gage's documentary ends with a quote that's important.

"I'm a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crises. The great point is to bring them the real facts."

— Abraham Lincoln

We live in a time where 90% of the media is owned by five corporations and the Supreme Court has ruled in the Orwellian decision known as "Citizens United" that these corporations have an obligation to their stock-holders to give them the "greatest return on their investment" and thus a right to penetrate the people's elections. And so these corporations use their media companies they own to manipulate us into war, if it helps their parent company yield dividends.

It's ironic that military-grade explosives were found at Ground Zero, not investigated by our government; then we enter two military-grade wars in the next two years. A "coincidence theorist" might add it up thus: 2+2=5. ☹

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