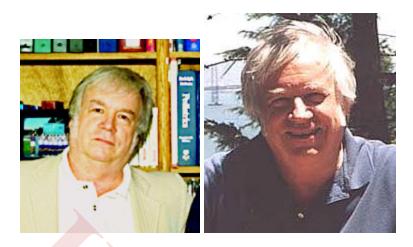
James Henry Fetzer - A life of Insanity



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http://www.e-yearbook.com/yearbooks/Princeton_University_Bric_A_Brac_Yearbook/1961/Pag e_282.html

https://www.newspapers.com/newspage/65318825/

Father is Henry Junior Fetzer

https://www.myrelatives.com/d/HENRY-FETZER/303691826

Mother is ???: Eleanor Atwood (Waterhouse) Fetzer (remarried after divorce so death likely in diff name than fetzer or maiden name)

Official bios:

Spartacus educational: http://spartacus-educational.com/JFKfetzer.htm

Duluth: https://www.d.umn.edu/~jfetzer/

James H. Fetzer was <u>born in Pasadena, California, on 6 December 1940</u>. At graduation from <u>South Pasadena High School in 1958</u>, he was presented The Carver Award for leadership. He was magna cum laude in <u>philosophy at Princeton University in 1962</u>, where his senior thesis for Carl G. Hempel on the logical structure of explanations of human behavior won The Dickinson Prize. <u>After being commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, he became an artillery officer and served in the Far East.</u> After a <u>tour supervising recruit training in San Diego</u>, he <u>resigned his commission as a Captain to begin graduate work in the history and philosophy of science at Indiana in Cartering the Cartering San Diego</u>.

1966. He completed his Ph.D. with a dissertation on probability and explanation for Wesley C. Salmon in 1970.

His initial faculty appointment was at the University of Kentucky, where he received the first Distinguished Teaching Award presented by the Student Government to 1 of 135 assistant professors. Since 1977, he has taught at a wide range of institutions of higher learning, including the Universities of Virginia (twice), Cincinnati, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, New College of the University of South Florida, and now the Duluth campus of the University of Minnesota, where he served from 1987 until his retirement in 2006. His honors include a research fellowship from the National Science Foundation and The Medal of the University of Helsinki. In 1996, he became one of the first ten faculty at the University of Minnesota to be appointed a Distinguished McKnight University Professor.

He has published more than 100 articles and reviews and 20 books in the philosophy of science and on the theoretical foundations of computer science, artificial intelligence, and cognitive science. On this web page, his publications have been divided by area, including special vitae for computer science, artificial intelligence, cognitive science, evolution and cognition, and his applied philosophical research on the death of JFK. His biographical sketch has appeared in many reference works, including the DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS, WHO'S WHO IN THE MIDWEST, WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, and WHO'S WHO IN THE WORLD. It may be found, for example, in the DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS, 10th edition, WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, 55th edition (2001), and WHO'S WHO IN THE WORLD, 18th edition (2001).

Timeline

1940

December 6th: Fetzer is born in Pasadena California.

His father is an 'accountant in the Los Angeles County Welfare Office'

He describes the California of his youth with a nostalgia common to people who lived there in the good old days. The Pasadena of Fetzer's boyhood was a paradise, but there was trouble in the Fetzer household. His first conscious memory is one of family strife. He remembers standing outside the family home in Altadena while his father and mother were inside having an argument. Just then, a fire engine passed by. It's the fire engine Fetzer recalls most vividly. He figures that's because it served as a distraction from the emotional conflict.¹

¹ http://www.citypages.com/news/the-man-who-thought-he-knew-too-much-6690025

His parents divorce while he's still young.

1951

Jim moved with his brother, mother, and new stepfather to La Habra Heights.

His mother commits suicide sometime this year.

It was a remote spot and, Fetzer says, his mother soon succumbed to feelings of isolation. "My mother needed people. She was a very sociable person," Fetzer recalls. "I think she despaired that she made a mistake in divorcing my father."

He moved back to the home of his father, who had since remarried and started a new family. Though he is reluctant to talk about his mother's death in much detail, he says it rid him of illusions about mortality and made it easier for him to confront unpleasant truths. In other words, it paved the way for a career as a professional philosopher and skeptic.²

1958

Graduates from South Pasadena High School and was presented the Carver Award for Leadership.³

1962

Graduates magna cum laude with a degree in Philosophy from Princeton University.4

Wins the Dickinson Prize for his senior thesis on the logical structure of explanations for human behaviour.

1962-1966

Fetzer serves in the US Marine Corps between these years and enters as a 2nd Lieutenant, serving in an artillery unit. He meets his first wife and has his first child, Bret.

Like most men of his generation, Fetzer seems proud of his military service. But he is cynical about his government's motives and actions. When he was stationed in Okinawa, Fetzer recalls, he and his fellow Marines were involved in an artillery drill at

² http://www.citypages.com/news/the-man-who-thought-he-knew-too-much-6690025

³ https://www.d.umn.edu/~jfetzer/

⁴ http://www.citypages.com/news/the-man-who-thought-he-knew-too-much-6690025

Mount Fuji. "We started lobbing shells all over the base of the sacred mountain. Off in the distance, you could see pilgrims making their trek. I turned to one of my fellow officers and said, 'Who says we're ugly Americans?'

1963

November 22nd: The JFK assassination in Dallas, TX

He (Fetzer) remembers being awakened by an officer and told the news. A few hours later, he learned of the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald. He thought it was "pretty fast work," but didn't make much more of it. By his account, the young Fetzer was more interested in his own future than in politics or, for that matter, in looking deeply enough to find the hidden order in events.

1966

Fetzer is promoted to Captain and then later discharged by the marines sometime this year. He enrolls in the University of Indiana to take a Masters in the History and Philosophy of Science.

"By the time I got out of the Marine Corps, I was a devastating intellectual machine," he explains. "I had grad students who, when they knew I was going to critique their work, dropped out of the program."

1968

Fetzer and his first wife divorce this year and Fetzer relocates to Columbia University. He provides an interesting anecdote from his time at Columbia University where he mentions being made a "government dupe"

When the radical student group Students for a Democratic Society trashed a teacher placement office, Fetzer—concerned that the campus disruptions might hamper his career—aligned himself with an opposition group, Students for Columbia University. At one point, he says, he was involved in a melee in which he shouted down SDS leaders with a bullhorn. Only later did Fetzer come to suspect that some of his fellows with Students for Columbia University were probably *agents provocateur*—and, by extension, that he had been made a government dupe.

1969

Fetzer returns to Indiana University to complete his Ph.D

1970

Fetzer begins a job as Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky

1973

Fetzer receives a 'Distinguished Teacher Award' from the UK Student Government

1977

Married 06/12/1977 Janice "Jan" Elaine Morgan. Janice Fetzer - 9/11

Fetzer is denied tenure at Kentucky University.

Thus began a decade in the academic wilderness, a period during which he landed visiting or associate professorships at the University of Virginia, University of North Carolina, University of Cincinnati, and University of South Florida.

1987

Hired as a full professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth

1988

Fetzer meets Thomas Bieter at the University, a Philosophy of Law Teacher.

While Bieter and Fetzer shared some broad intellectual interests, they were worlds apart politically. Bieter, who describes himself as a conservative Republican, says that didn't matter at first because he and Fetzer seldom talked about politics. He does recall one awkward dinner when the topic of the JFK assassination was broached. "I asked him a question and he took off and went on and on, talked about the CIA and the FBI and the Mafia," Bieter recalls. He remembers being taken aback by Fetzer's fervor and, afterward, was careful in his choice of subjects with Fetzer.

1990

February 28th: Fetzer publishes 'Philosophy, Mind, and Cognitive Inquiry: Resources for Understanding Mental Processes (Studies in Cognitive Systems)'

This is essentially a list of essays by cognitive scientists.

"This series will include monographs and collections of studies devoted to the investigation and exploration of knowledge, information, and data-processing systems of all kinds, no matter whether human. (other) animal, or machine. Its scope is intended to span the full range of interests from classical problems in the philosophy of mind and philosophical psychology through issues in cognitive psychology and sociobiology (concerning the mental capabilities of other species) to ideas related to artificial intelligence and computer science. While primary emphasis will be placed upon theoretical, conceptual, and epistemological aspects of these problems and domains, empirical, experimental, and methodological studies will also appear from time to time. No problem within the field of cognitive inquiry is more difficult than that of developing an adequate conception of the nature of mind and of its mode of operation."

30th November: Fetzer publishes 'Epistemology and Cognition (Studies in Cognitive Systems)', essentially a follow-up to his previous collaborative work published in February.

1991

30th April: Fetzer publishes 'Definitions and Definability: Philosophical Perspectives.

December: Oliver Stone's JFK film is released and serves as an early inspiration for Fetzer's foray into conspiracy theory.

Also during December, Fetzer founds 'The Society for Machines and Mentality'. 5

"The Society for Machines and Mentality is an international professional organization. The objective of the Society is to promote, foster, and encourage literary and educational projects that have as their purpose to advance philosophical understanding of issues at the intersection of artificial intelligence, philosophy, and cognitive science, including such issues as whether machines are able to think, whether machines could have minds, and related matters."

1992

6th March: Fetzer is named as a defendant in a civil case 'Barbara Lundeen VS Norwest Corp'

1992-1993

It's in these years that Fetzer meets Josiah "Tink" Thompson, a fellow JFK researcher and published author of several works relating to the conspiracy. The two have had a long-running feud ever since.

"We spent some time one night talking about the academic world," Thompson recalls vaguely.

"He seemed quite personable and genial."

⁵ https://www.d.umn.edu/~jfetzer/specialcv.html

⁶ http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/CaseDetail.aspx?CaseID=80688041

Thompson is scornful of everything about Fetzer. His rhetorical approach. His emphasis on credentials and résumés. Even his philosophic writings. "They're dreck," Thompson says of Fetzer's numerous papers and books. "The usual sort of eminently forgettable pap which second-rate academics pump out for publication lists so deans, who never read anything, will say, 'Let's hire this guy.'" But Thompson says he is motivated mainly by Fetzer's periodic accusations that Thompson might be a spook. "When he said that, it really pissed me off," Thompson says. "So I figured, 'I'm not going to let this blowhard wander around the world and do this. I'm going to take a shot at him every chance I get.""

For his part, Fetzer says he still suspects that Thompson is "working on the other side." "He's got a role to play, I'm telling you. He's got a role to play," Fetzer whispers when Thompson's name comes up in conversation. "If he's not an agent of disinformation, he's certainly acting as if he were." It's too bad, he adds, because he once admired Six Seconds in Dallas. Heck, he once admired Thompson. You can still hear it in his voice. "I thought it was a wonderful book," Fetzer says. "He was a philosopher. He was an instant hero, which is why it's so ironic that years and year later, he becomes my principal assailant."

1992

May 20: In the wake of the release of Oliver Stone's film JFK, two pathologists who performed Kennedy's autopsy, breaking a 28-year silence, issue public statements as part of the May 27 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association affirming that the autopsy was not compromised, and there was no evidence of a conspiracy behind the president's murder. They are flanked by four of the five doctors who operated on the president at Parkland Hospital (the fifth had just published a pro-conspiracy book) and the Editor-in-Chief of the journal, Dr. George D. Lundberg, who said the interviews were the result of a seven-year effort to "help calm the ardor of the honest conspiracy theorists who have simply not had access to the facts."

According to interviews⁸ with Fetzer, he saw footage of the press briefing on television, and considered it an "abuse of power." Through writing a complaint to the journal and reading the published complaints of others in a subsequent issue, Fetzer came to meet Dr. David Mantik, who would contribute to Fetzer's first JFK book *Assassination Science* in early 1998:

"I was just lying in bed, drinking a cup of coffee and reading the newspaper. This was in 1992. My wife came in and flipped on the TV and said, "You're not going to believe this."

So I saw this very distinguished-looking man standing behind a lectern with the logo of the AMA (American Medical Association). He was berating everyone who had ever done any serious work on JFK, from the earliest, [such as] Mark Lane, Josiah Thompson, David Lifton, Robert

⁷ http://www.nytimes.com/1992/05/20/us/doctors-affirm-kennedy-autopsy-report.html?pagewanted=all

⁸ http://www.skeptiko.com/james-fetzer-jfk-assassination-science/

Groden. He was attacking a physician who'd actually been present during the vain attempt to save the President, Charles Crenshaw.

He was describing Oliver Stone's film, which had recently been released, as "docu-fiction." This was a clear abuse of his position as the Editor-in-Chief of the journal, because that's who he turned out to be. <u>Lundgren</u> was his name, of The Journal of the American Medical Association. It seemed to me that if persons of his stature were going to abuse their position, then perhaps some of us with special background abilities ought to become involved.

I knew a lot about journals and editing. I'd already edited for ten years an international journal in methodology, epistemology, and the philosophy of science, named Synthese. I founded another journal entitled Minds and Machines, about artificial intelligence philosophy and cognitive science, which I would edit for 10 years and then another year co-edit, making a transition. When I decided to pursue this, that's when I got serious. The issue that the gentleman was talking about in violation of the AMA's own standards because you're not supposed to talk about articles until the issue of the magazine is in everybody's hands has appeared, which would not have happened for a couple more weeks. I found in a second subsequent issue letters of complaint from members of the AMA who were unhappy with what he was doing. One was from a guy who had a background of both a Ph.D. and an M.D. that I liked very much-his name is David W. Mantik. I contacted David and suggested we collaborate on a long article or a book, with which he agreed. Soon a couple others wanted to come in with us on this research project and I put together the group I was talking about in the beginning-of the best qualified individuals to ever study the case."

1993

Fetzer publishes 'The Philosophy of Science (Paragon Issues in Philosophy)

31st December: Fetzer publishes 'A Glossary of Cognitive Science'.

"Readers and students approaching Cognitive Science often find themselves adrift in a sea of unfamiliar terminology. Here are the terms, concepts, and thinkers from the contributing disciplines of philosophy, psychology, artificial intelligence, and linguistics, defined briefly and clearly, with abundant examples. This glossary is a compact resource for understanding a sophisticated and fascinating field."

1994

24th Feburary: Fetzer and his wife Janice file as plaintiffs in a civil case vs a painting and decorating company 'Right Price Painting'. They are represented by Thomas Bieter and win a small award.⁹

1996

Fetzer becomes one of the first ten faculty at the University of Minnesota to be appointed a Distinguished McKnight University Professor.

May 2: James and Janice Fetzer file a civil lawsuit against Northland Floral and Gifts, Inc, in MN Case No. 69-C3-96-600759. Thomas Bieter represents them ¹⁰.

31st October: Fetzer publishes 'Philosophy and Cognitive Science.'

1997

1st December: Fetzer publishes 'Principles of Philosophical Reasoning'

1998

Sometime this year Fezter attends a JFK conference in Dallas. This is the last time he sees "Tink" Thompson in person.

Fetzer announced that he could prove that the Zapruder film was a fake and Thompson was itching to take him down. After he and a colleague had made their presentations, Thompson says, Fetzer stepped to the podium to present his arguments. There was supposed to be a question-and-answer session but, according to Thompson, instead Fetzer simply filibustered. "I remember him very red in the face trying to tell a Richard Pryor joke when the sponsor of the conference turned off the power to the microphone," Thompson recalls gleefully. "I think that's the last time I saw Fetzer, yapping into a dead mic."

January 18, 1998: The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel publishes ""Conspiracy Collection Falls Short," a review ¹¹ of Fetzer latest book, *Assassination Science.*

"Assassination Science" -- edited by a professor at the University of Minnesota-Duluth -- is a direct response and rebuttal to the JAMA stories. Unfortunately, it's not a good response.

⁹ http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/CaseDetail.aspx?CaseID=280401103

¹⁰ http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/CaseDetail.aspx?CaseID=280406985

¹¹ ttps://web.archive.org/web/19990220011709/http://www.jsonline.com/news/sunday/books/0118bkjfk.stm

Some of the articles in this hodgepodge collection are too technical to be of interest to anyone except very dedicated assassination buffs or people who really want to know the details of what happens when a bullet hits a head.

Others are of no interest to anyone except James Fetzer, the book's editor, and his immediate family and friends (for example, letters to Fetzer from President Clinton, Elliot Richardson and Robert McNamara).

January 26, 1998: Fetzer sends a letter¹² to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's editors in response to the negative review they published. They decline to publish his letter, which Fetzer instead shares on his website:

Dear Editors.

As the editor of ASSASSINATION SCIENCE (Catfeet Press/Open Court, 1998, 480 pp.), I was disappointed and dismayed by the hopelessly inadequate review from Ernst-Ulrich Franzen. Apart from cheap shots directed toward the editor which take matters out of context, he somehow fails to mention that the book provides stunning new evidence [...]

Franzen implies the book is expensive (it is not) and asserts it is not worth the reader's time. From what he has chosen to tell you, that might sound right. But he has not fulfilled his obligation to provide an objective and balanced review. Surely your readers deserve better! Yours truly,

James H. Fetzer McKnight Professor

August: Earliest cached date of Fetzer's website for "Assassination Science" https://web.archive.org/web/19990208011456/http://www.assassinationscience.com/

30th December: Fetzer's first conspiracy-related work relating to the JFK assassination is published, entitled 'Assassination Science'. ¹³

If you have ever been tempted to believe that President Kennedy was killed by a lone, demented gunman named Lee Harvey Oswald, then Assassination Science is the one book which will convince you, beyond any reasonable doubt, that there was indeed a conspiracy and a cover-up. Completely lacking the wild speculation that have marred some books on the shooting of JFK, Assassination Science sticks to the hard facts, interpreted by medical and scientific expertise.

¹² https://web.archive.org/web/19990204051523/http://www.assassinationscience.com/franzen.html

¹³ http://www.krusch.com/books/kennedy/Assassination_Science.pdf

The book continually makes claims that various pictures associated with the assassination are 'fake', including the most famous picture of Lee Harvey Oswald.

1999

2000

June: At a forum the 12th Annual HBES Conference, Amherst College, Fetzer defends professor Kevin McDonald's anti-semitic (according to SPLCS) work as free speech. MacDonald himself reports that Fetzer's stance was met "with loud applause" (Fetzer would years later welcome MacDonald onto his radio show):

At around the same time, the Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES), of which MacDonald was then a board member, began an investigation into his work. A forum, to be held at the group's annual meeting, was organized by Dan Kriegman, founder of the Psychoanalytic Couple and Family Institute of New England and a faculty member at the Massachusetts Institute for Psychoanalysis, that featured two other specialists in evolutionary psychology, one of them Pinker. Although the panel was critical of MacDonald's work, James Fetzer, a professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, at one point defended MacDonald with a call for academic free speech.

August: JFK conspiracy book published entitled 'Murder in Dealey Plaza: What We Know Now that We Didn't Know Then'.

A compendium of recent thought and discovery about the Kennedy assassination, this volume makes a case for official malfeasance and against the "lone gunman" explanation. Fetzer (Assassination Science), a professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, sets the tone for an in-depth revisionist history in his prologue, in which he makes note of what he views as 16 "smoking guns" in the Warren Report and questions the veracity of the JFK autopsy photographs and tissue samples, and even the Zapruder film. Most contributors explore these topics in detail, aided by Ira Wood's precisely detailed "November 22, 1963: A Chronology." In provocative essays, Douglas Weldon explores tangled vehicle-related evidence that he concludes indicates that JFK was shot through the throat from in front of the car rather than from behind; Vincent Palamara names several Secret Service agents who he believes may have been compromised; and Fetzer discusses the little-seen "Assassination File" of former Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry. Also included is Bertrand Russell's acid 1964 assessment of what he viewed as a nascent coverup. With much discussion of alleged manipulation of forensic and photographic evidence, the book's overall focus is primarily technical, on what the contributors see as the wealth of evidence of a multiple-shooter assassination, with likely complicity of the Secret Service and other government agencies. This

coolly angry dismantling of the theories of the Warren commission and lone-gunman supporters like Gerald Posner will be fodder for conspiracy theorists.

The book attracts criticism for including claims that photographs from the assassination were faked and tampered with.

28th October: David W. Mantik posts the following statement regarding accusations from Fetzer's accusations that "Tink" Thompson is a "government agent":

"If Fetzer has implied that you are a government agent, then I here and now denounce such implications.... For my part, I would say (if this is really necessary), in the strongest possible language, that I do not believe you are an agent of disinformation....

Describing you as an agent of disinformation is a rather uncivil (!) statement to make one that I wish he had not made and one that lies outside the scope of my conceptual world."

In a recent email to Josiah Thompson, I apologized if my efforts to distance myself from the above web site had been either too infrequent, too private, or too feeble. Apparently the perception has been that I agree with Jim on this issue of disinformation.

It has never been my intention to hide my difference of opinion with Jim on this issue. He has been aware of our differences. He has also been aware of my attempts to bring about some kind of rapprochement between himself and Thompson.

In March 2000, in Monterey, California, I told Thompson directly that I had some hopes for this endeavor. These hopes were later dashed.

In response to a recent email from me, Thompson said: "If the tables had been turned and Fetzer had attacked you with such charges, I would have responded instantaneously. I would have publicly chastised Fetzer and disjoined myself from his scurrilous attacks." So be it then I hereby publicly dissociate myself from these attacks on Thompson and chastise Jim Fetzer for making them. I have never wanted any part of this brouhaha and I want none now.

I have previously (27 November 1998) not hesitated to describe Jim Fetzer's behavior regarding another matter as "highly inappropriate." My own view is that public attacks on the supposed motives of others in these discussions are biased, prejudicial, counterproductive, and, finally, useless.

Furthermore, as I know from experience, these speculations are often wrong. I believe all such attacks should stop. I would hope in the future that our disagreements with others concerning the interpretation of evidence might be carried on without impugning others' motives or imagining conspiracies where none exist. The only conspiracy I'm interested in is the one which led to the events of November 22nd."¹⁴

18th December: Fetzer publishes 'The Philosophy of Carl G. Hempel: Studies in Science, Explanation, and Rationality: Studies in Science, Explanation and Rationality'

¹⁴ https://groups.google.com/forum/#!msg/alt.assassination.jfk/hj9a1v1mOa0/NZHmmTktAhAJ

Editor James Fetzer presents an analytical and historical introduction and a comprehensive bibliography together with selections of many of Carl G. Hempel's most important studies to give students and scholars an ideal opportunity to appreciate the enduring contributions of one of the most influential philosophers of science of the 20th century.

Fetzer cites Hempel often in his essays and published works. Interestingly, Hempel describes himself as a "logical empiricist".

"To Hempel, metaphysics was anathema, involving claims to know things which were not knowable; that is, advancing hypotheses incapable of confirmation or disconfirmation by evidence."

This mode of thought seems rather contrary to Fetzer's own brand of cognitive dissonance and yet Hempel seems to have been a large influence in his academic career.

2001

23 January, 2001: Fetzer writes to Los Angeles prosecutor (of *Helter Skelter* fame) and JFK conspiracy skeptic Vincent Bugliosi, who recalls the correspondence in his debunking of JFK conspiracy theories, *Reclaiming History*:

"What would it take, David Mantik has asked me to inquire of you. What would it take to convince you of the existence of a conspiracy and cover-up in the death of JFK? What would it take to persuade you of Oswald's innocence, which is not necessarily the same thing? Are none of our major discoveries - our '16 smoking guns,' for example - convincing? And, if not, why? And, if not, then what would it take?"

Bugliosi's response: "Only evidence, Drs. Fetzer and Mantik. Only evidence."

2002

8th April: Fetzer publishes 'Consciousness Evolving (Advances in Consciousness Research)

A collection of stimulating studies on the past, the present, and the future of consciousness, Consciousness Evolving contributes to understanding some of the most important conceptual problems of our time. The advent of the modern synthesis together with the human genome project affords a platform for considering what it is that makes humans distinctive. Beginning with an essay that accents the nature of the problem within a behavioristic framework and concluding with reflections on the prospects for a form of immortality through serial cloning, the chapters are divided into three sections, which concern how and why consciousness may have evolved, special capacities involving language, creativity, and mentality as candidates for evolved adaptations, and the prospects for artificial evolution though the design of robots with specific

¹⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl Gustav Hempel

forms of consciousness and mind. This volume should appeal to every reader who wants to better understand the human species, including its distinctive properties and its place in nature. ¹⁶

October 25th: Paul Wellstone, a spokesman for the National Democratic Party, is killed in a plane crash in Eveleth, Minnesota.

2003

June 3rd: Kevin Diaz at Black Op Radio publishes a piece regarding the numerous articles published by Fetzer following the death of Wellstone. ¹⁷

Fetzer, an ex-Marine who has published several books and papers about the JFK assassination, opened the first of six articles in the Duluth Reader Weekly about the Wellstone crash by saying, "Conspiracies are as American as apple pie."

Discounting weather, pilot error or mechanical problems in Wellstone's flight, Fetzer's articles have seized on the possibility of sabotage brought on by a futuristic electromagnetic pulse weapon that he said could have disabled the plane's computerized components.

Evidence for this, he said in an interview, was the absence of any distress call from the pilots and the odd cell-phone experience reported by St. Louis County lobbyist John Ongaro.

Ongaro, who was near the airport when Wellstone's plane went down, has dismissed the significance of his experience, in which he said his cell phone made "strange" sounds and then disconnected.

"It's not unusual for cell phones to cut out, especially in northern Minnesota," he said.

Fetzer's articles rely less on hard evidence of any kind of murder plot than on arguing that the investigators' findings don't add up.

More provocative than Fetzer's theories about how Wellstone's plane went down are his conclusions about who was responsible.

"When I suggest Republicans may have been involved," he wrote in the Reader, "I do not mean the average GOP voter. I mean the troika that runs the government, consisting of Dick Cheney, Karl Rove and Donald Rumsfeld."

Fetzer said he has not spoken out about the Wellstone death as a university professor but as a private citizen.

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¹⁷ http://www.blackopradio.com/fetzer.html

"This is not done off the top of my head," he said. "I'm not just interested in stirring up some . . . storm. I'm interested in the truth. If I can become convinced that I am mistaken about this, I will gladly accept that and sleep easier at night. Because, believe me, the implications of this are profoundly disturbing."

17th June: Fetzer publishes an article in the Star Tribune reaffirming his belief that Paul Wellstone was murdered by Republicians and mentions Bieter's lawsuit against him.

DULUTH -- The controversy generated by Thomas Bieter's proposed lawsuit against me and the Weekly Reader here in Duluth for publishing a series on the death of Sen. Paul Wellstone seems to have missed the point. In those columns, I lay out the evidence, much of which is in the public record, that has led me to the belief that this was an assassination and that the White House may have been involved.¹⁸

November 10: Thomas Bieter files a lawsuit against Fetzer and the Weekly Reader (as well as several other named parties) in MN civil case ¹⁹ No. 69-CX-03-603274

2004

April 16th: Fetzer is suspended for several weeks following a 'conflict' with a female member of staff resulting in a sexul harassment claim.²⁰

The University of Minnesota Duluth has suspended well-known professor and conspiracy theory writer James Fetzer over allegations of sexual harassment, which he denies. Fetzer said UMD suspended him Monday for five weeks without pay. "This entails a violation of my due process because there are at least three levels of appeal that I have available to me," he said Thursday. "The punishment is being imposed before I have the chance to clear my name." UMD officials declined comment on the matter, even to confirm that Fetzer was suspended. "It's a policy at UMD that we cannot comment on personnel issues," UMD spokeswoman Susan Beasy Latto said. "That's our official statement, and that's all I can tell you." Fetzer said he was suspended over allegations of sexual harassment made by a UMD staff member. He said he believes a misunderstanding in mid-December led to the allegations. "We did have a difference, and I did upset her, and we are of opposite sex," he said. "But it was not a sexual harassment." A complaint on the incident was filed Jan. 23, Fetzer said, and a report was prepared and sent to Vincent Magnuson, UMD vice chancellor for academic administration, who made the decision to suspend Fetzer after an appeal board heard the case. Fetzer said the report was rushed and incomplete and the appeal board didn't consider evidence he submitted. Magnuson is out of town until next week. Fetzer said the five-week suspension would be "grossly disproportionate" even if he was guilty of the allegations. "This is a terrible miscarriage of justice, and I am going to do everything possible to clear my name," he said. "It's really a serious matter, and it's not going to go away."

November 11: Kevin Ryan, a lab director at Environmental Health Laboratories Inc (a subsidiary of *Underwriters Laboratories* Inc., which Fetzer usually refers to this source as,) sends a letter to

¹⁸ http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/930126/posts

¹⁹ http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/CaseDetail.aspx?CaseID=280441520

²⁰ https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/alt.conspiracy.jfk/vREzZjjNYC4

Frank Gayle of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a team conducting an official investigation into aspects of the WTC collapse. Ryan claims²¹, falsely, that "the company I work for certified the steel components used in the construction of the WTC buildings," and argues that the NIST team's recent updates contain errors:

This story just does not add up. If steel from those buildings did soften or melt, I'm sure we can all agree that this was certainly not due to jet fuel fires of any kind, let alone the briefly burning fires in those towers. That fact should be of great concern to all Americans. Alternatively, the contention that this steel did fail at temperatures around 250C suggests that the majority of deaths on 9/11 were due to a safety-related failure. That suggestion should be of great concern to my company.

Fetzer would latch onto this statement from Ryan as "proof" that the towers were brought down intentionally. Within weeks, Ryan's employer responds to the situation (see November 22nd 2004)

November 22nd: An article appears in the Reading Eagle, which alludes to Fetzer believing certain key elements of the Kennedy Assassination to have been 'fabricated', including the film and the X-Rays.²²

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²¹ http://www.septembereleventh.org/newsarchive/2004-11-11-ryan.php

Perhaps the most persistently questioned finding of the Warren Commission is the "magic bullet" theory.

The theory assumes that Oswald alone fired three shots and that one bullet zigzagged through both Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally. The bullet is said to have gone through Kennedy's throat, then into Connally, puncturing his lung, hitting his rib and wrist and then exiting relatively unscathed.

Some historians, forensic experts and conspiracy theorists don't buy it.

James Fetzer, author of "Assassination Science: Experts Speak Out on the Death of JFK," says the Kennedy X-rays and the film of the assassination by bystander Abraham Zapruder were fabricated and that there were actually six or so people firing at the president that day.

"The driver actually brought the limo to a halt to make sure Kennedy was hit enough times to be killed," Fetzer said. "The Secret Service set him up, and we have more than 15 indications of them doing that. The order of vehicles in the motorcade were wrong, that's perhaps the most telling. Nixon knew about it, too. J. Edgar Hoover and LBJ were involved as well, I'm sorry to say."

In 1967, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison asserted that the assassination was a CIA-led coup.

Garrison's theories went to court — and eventually to Hollywood as Oliver Stone's 1991 movie "JFK" - but Clay Shaw, the alleged "evil genius" behind the assassination, was acquitted in less than an hour.

Technology has only solidified positions.

Conspiracy theorists now use the Internet to bounce their ideas around the globe, build databases and convert a new generation of believers.

ABC and Court TV both ran sophisticated computer simulations this month of the crime scene and an analysis of a police audiotape, asserting that the Warren Commission got it right - Oswald alone killed Kennedy.

The now-digitized Zapruder

Also on November 22nd: 9/11 truther and Fetzer-cited researcher Kevin Ryan is fired23 from his position at Environmental Health Laboratories Inc (a subsidiary of *Underwriters Laboratories* Inc., which Fetzer usually refers to it as) for his letter to the NIST team. A spokesman for Ryan's former employer denies Ryan's claims, clarifying that "UL does not certify structural steel, such as the beams, columns and trusses used in World Trade Center." Commenting on Ryan's dismissal, the company states that the contents of his argument are "spurious at best, and frankly, they're just wrong." Despite this blanket rejection of Ryan's argument from its own supposed source, Fetzer continues to cite Ryan's research, and continues to attribute his disowned conclusions to United Laboratories (see Feb 3 2006 appearance on Air America.)

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²³ http://www.mindfully.org/Reform/2004/Kevin-R-Ryan22nov04.htm

January 18th

Thomas Bieter's defamation claim against Fetzer is filed by the Court of Appeal.²⁴

In this defamation action, the district court granted summary judgment in favor of respondents, ruling that appellant was a limited purpose public figure, that no statement was made with malice, that there existed no genuine issues of material fact for trial, and that respondents were entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Appellant contends that the court applied the wrong standard in ruling on respondents motion and erred in its legal conclusions. We affirm.

December 4: Fetzer publishes "Thinking About Conspiracy Theories: 9/11 and JFK²⁵ with the following abstract:

The phrase "conspiracy theory" harbors an ambiguity, since conspiracies are widespread and theories about them need not be mere speculations. The application of scientific reasoning in the form of inference to the best explanation, applied to the relevant evidence, establishes that the official account of the events of 9/11 cannot be sustained. Likelihood measures of evidential support establish that the WTC was brought down through the use of controlled demolition and that the Pentagon was not hit by a Boeing 757. Since these hypotheses have high likelihoods and the only alternatives have likelihoods that range from zero to null (because they are not even physically possible), assuming that sufficient evidence has become available and "settled down", these conclusions not only provide better explanations for the data but are proven beyond reasonable doubt.

December 14th: Fetzer founds 'Scholars for 9/11 Truth'

Scholars for 9/11 Truth (S9/11T) is a non-partisan association of faculty, students, and scholars, in fields as diverse as history, science, military affairs, psychology, and philosophy, dedicated to exposing falsehoods and to revealing truths behind 9/11.

The members of Scholars for 9/11 Truth are encouraged to take an active role by devoting themselves to reporting the results of research on 9/11 to the nation and the world by means of lectures, articles, and other venues.

Scholars for 9/11 Truth members are convinced their research proves the current administration has been dishonest about what happened in New York and Washington, D.C.

These experts contend that books and articles by members and other associates have established that the World Trade Center was almost certainly brought down by controlled

²⁴ http://mn.gov/web/prod/static/lawlib/live/archive/ctapun/0501/opa041034-0118.htm

²⁵ http://www.d.umn.edu/~jfetzer/fetzerexpandedx.pdf

demolitions and that the available relevant evidence casts grave doubt on the government's official story about the attack on the Pentagon.

They believe that the government not only permitted 9/11 to occur but may even have orchestrated these events to facilitate its political agenda.

Scholars for 9/11 Truth encourages its members to vigorously express their concerns on this score through lectures, conferences, symposia, articles, and books as well as other access routes that publicize their findings.

Founded by professor Jim Fetzer, Scholars for 9/11 Truth is devoted to applying the principles of scientific reasoning to the available evidence, "letting the chips fall where they may".

Currently, Scholars for 9/11 Truth has four categories of members: full members (FM), who have or have had academic appointments or the professional equivalent; associate members (AM), who have backgrounds and interests relevant to 9/11 research; and student members (SM), who are concerned about these issues and want to pursue them. The special category of society associate (SA) exists for others who wish to publicly support the association.²⁶

2006

Fetzer retires from the University of Minnesota Duluth this year.

Archived shows throughout the year: http://mp3.rbnlive.com/Fetzer06.html

February 3: Fetzer represents Scholars for 9/11 truth in an interview with Air America and states:

....according to the government, of course, that the planes crashed into the buildings and created these massive fires. The fires melted the steel and in turn that led to a collapse of one floor onto another that brought the buildings down. Now, number one, the temperature at which steel melts is about 2800 degrees Fahrenheit. The maximum temperature of jet fuel under optimal conditions when it's fed with pure oxygen is only 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, that a thousand degrees short of the melting point of steel. Number two, in order to get the steel that hot you'd have to have that temperature for a long period of time. Even Underwriters

Laboratories certified the steel used in the World Trade center to 2000 degrees for six hours. But the South Tower, which was hit second, fell in less than an hour and the North Tower, which was hit first, fell in a little over an hour and a half, not nearly long enough to ...

Fetzer is widely criticized for maintain the false assertion that the government claimed fires melted the steel, which is a long held myth put forward by 9/11 researchers who are not au fait with the official report (which does not claim that fires 'melted' steel, only weakened it).

²⁶ http://twilightpines.com//index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=36&Itemid=35

February 6: Jim Hoffman writes a critique of Fetzer's paper 'Thinking About Conspiracy Theories' in which he highlights several areas where information presented is false for misleading.²⁷

This includes Fetzer's claims that the towers fell at 'freefall speed' (it was almost double) and that 'seismological events' were recorded prior to the planes hitting. It's worth noting that these are falsehoods which are repeated ad nauseum within the 9/11 truth community but have been widely debunked on several occasions.

February 9: Fetzer publishes an article²⁸ to Scholars for 9/11 Truth, "<u>The Company You are Keeping: Comments on Hoffman and Green.</u>" In it, he responds to Hoffman's criticisms as well as those from Steven Green²⁹, who had published his own criticism of Fetzer in recent days. Fetzer supplies counter-arguments that cite Thierry Meyssan and PrisonPlanet.com (Alex Jones) articles.

In his closing paragraphs, Hoffman states that I have "failed to acknowledge that it [the notion that whatever hit the Pentagon not a 757] is considered a distraction or hoax by some of the most respected researchers in the community of 9/11 skeptics". If that's true, it shows that even 9/11 skeptics can be wrong, insofar as the available relevant evidence in its totality establishes that, on this specific point, they seem to be mistaken.

February 12: An article is published by Jim Hoffman entitled 'Scholars for 9/11 Truth: Muddling the Evidence' which alleges that Fetzer is discrediting the work performed by Steven Jones to prove controlled demolition.

Sadly, Scholars For 9/11 Truth might not have its intended effect of building on Jones' work. Instead it is likely to have the effect of discrediting it by associating it with junk science, such as that used to promote the no-planes theories. Because of the visibility of the flawed ScholarsFor911Truth.org website, this seems probable despite the good intentions and excellent credentials of many of the group's members.³⁰

June 23: John Gravois publishes "Professors of Paranoia? Academics give a scholarly stamp to 9/11 conspiracy theories" to the Chronicle of Higher Education³¹. A profile of academics in the 9/11 truth movement, one segment portrays Fetzer whipping a crowd into a frenzy with talk of insurrection::

On the second afternoon of the conference, Mr. Fetzer gave a speech in one of the hotel salons to a standing-room-only crowd. It began like an introductory lecture in moral philosophy he might have given at the University of Minnesota. He discussed different theories for the origins of right

²⁷ http://911research.wtc7.net/essays/st911/fetzer.html

²⁸ https://web.archive.org/web/20060217021235/http://www.st911.org/

²⁹ https://web.archive.org/web/20060214110623/http://911research.wtc7.net/essays/green/company.html

³⁰ http://911research.wtc7.net/essays/st911/index.html

³¹ https://web.archive.org/web/20080220193709/http://chronicle.com/free/v52/i42/42a01001.htm

and wrong — moral egoism, utilitarianism, deontological moral rights. Then he came to the emergency.

"The threat we face," he said, is "imminent and ominous." He recommended arming the citizenry.

During the question-and-answer session, an audience member asked whether there might be a way to capture a TV station, to get the word out about September 11. Mr. Fetzer upped the ante on the idea.

"Let me tell you, for years, I've been waiting for there to be a military coup to depose these traitors," he said from the podium.

"Yeah!" shouted some men in the audience.

"There actually was one weekend," Mr. Fetzer went on, "where I said to myself, my God, it's going to happen this weekend, and I'm going to wake up and they will have taken these guys off in chains."

His voice was building. "Listen to me," he said. "The degree of perfidy involved here is so great, that in the time of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, frenzied mobs would have dragged these men out of their beds in the middle of the night and ripped them to shreds!"

"Yeah!" cried a chorus of voices in the audience. "Yeah!"

Amid the cheers and applause that swept the room, there was Steven Jones, sitting quietly in a chair against the wall. He had one leg crossed over the other, and he was looking around at the cheering audience with a vaguely uncomfortable smile on his face, holding his foot in his hands.

June 27: Fetzer appears on Fox News's The Alan Colmes Show³², in a follow-up to his appearance on *Hannity & Colmes*. In one exchange, the host points out that Fetzer's hoax arguments require the victims of the crime to never have died, and Fetzer repeatedly tries to change the subject:

Colmes: But we know there were actual passengers on those planes who died.

Fetzer: Alan, what do you know about it? You weren't there, you have no idea about those planes.

Colmes: Are you saying there were *not* passengers on those planes?

Fetzer: None of those hijackers were named on any passenger manifest. None of them was the subject of any autopsy. Five, six or seven have turned up alive and well, living in the Middle East.

Colmes: Now you're talking about the hijackers, but the passengers there were actual passengers on those planes, right?

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³² http://screwloosechange.blogspot.com/2006/06/moron-jim-fetzer 28.html

Fetzer: Well, there were passengers somewhere, but whether there were actual passengers on the planes as they were impacting the building is an interesting question. Everything was pulverized, Alan. All the concrete on the office floors was pulverized, all the office furniture was pulverized,

Colmes: No, but there are passenger records of people on those flights.

Fetzer: And they don't include any hijackers, Alan.

Colmes: But they were real airplanes with real passengers on them.

Fetzer: Yeah there were real airplanes, but let me tell you something, if you look at the NTSB's raw data, for these aircraft, which I observed on a spreadsheet this weekend, Dylan Avery who made Loose Change showed me the spreadsheet. You go for those four planes and you cross on the data and it's all blank—it's all blank Alan. Now, the NTSB had a formal obligation to investigate those crashes and it hasn't done so. Why do you think it hasn't done so, Alan?

Colmes: I don't know the answer to that question, but what I'm trying to—my job is to ask the questions, you're going to answer them—but my point is that there were civilians, Americans who were on those flights, right?

Fetzer: Well, there were some, but the whole business about how many were paid and that whole sort of thing or compensation—

Colmes: What do you mean, paid?

Fetzer: Alan it's very spotty.

Colmes: Wasn't Barbara Olson on one of the planes? The one that hit at—

Fetzer: Great, let's talk about Barbara Olson, okay we have discovered that those cellphone calls would have been physically impossible at speeds—at altitudes above 2000 feet and speeds above 230. AK Dewadney (sic), who's a professor of computer science from Western Ontario has discovered that it becomes less and less possible to make those connections at the altitudes and speeds of these planes they would not have been possible. Now, Barbara Olson, according to her husband, called him, but he has given three different versions of her call, and get this, Alan, her name is not listed on the Social Security Death Index. If she's dead her name ought to be listed there. It is not.

Colmes: Are you suggesting Barbara Olson's not dead?

Fetzer: There have been reports, that I haven't been able to verify, that she was arrested in Europe, her husband is now retired and he has moved to Europe. You figure it out.

Colmes: Ted Olson's living in Europe?

Fetzer: That's what I understand. And Ted Olson's an interesting guy, you know, even though he was our Solicitor General, he observed that—this is probably his most famous quote—that he could imagine infinitely many reasons why the American government might lie to the American people. That's a lot of reasons, Alan.

Colmes: So you're suggesting that Ted Olson and his wife are together, living in Europe?

Fetzer: That would be my best guess, Alan. I can't claim to know that, but it makes sense of what we do know.

Colmes: And are you saying the other people on all the other planes.

Fetzer: No, no, I'm not saying that. Obviously there were bodies around, there don't seem to be enough bodies to make up what was a full complement. You know, each of those planes, Alan, curiously was about one quarter full—you actually could have put all those people together on any one of those airliners.

June 28th: Interview with Mike Mosedale for City Pages, some highlights below:

Despite the seeming lack of connections, Fetzer says his research on JFK and Wellstone has proved invaluable to his understanding of 9/11. "If you've ever worked your way through what's gone on in JFK, you've encountered almost every mode of deceit, deception, and fabrication the government is capable of displaying," he explains. "Therefore, when I got involved in 9/11 research, it was a relative piece of cake in terms of sorting things out. The evidence was so obvious. The inadequacies of the government account were so blatant."

"These books I have published are the most important in establishing the objective and scientific evidence of the existence of conspiracy and cover-up in the assassination of JFK. Bar none. No other books come close. Remotely. None. They're in a category by themselves," he says. "This shattered the whole goddamn cover-up!"

Sometimes, Fetzer says, he has no choice but to reiterate his past arguments. "Most of my life is spent trying to find new ways to say things I've said before that make them even more interesting and penetrating," he offers. He pronounces these efforts a rousing success. "I've put them in their place so many times," he says of his critics. And as he sees it, his long-running battles over Wellstone and JFK have helped to prepare him for his role as spokesman for the truth movement. "I know a whole lot about how these games are played," he says. "When I

come into this 9/11 thing, see, I am not just a formidable foe on my own. I have this wealth of experience. The others don't know diddly shit about disinformation. But, man, I've lived through it."

June 29 2006: Fetzer interviews Judy Wood for his radio show, and declares Wood "The single most qualified person to study what happened on 9/11" http://mp3.rbnlive.com/Fetzer06.html

July 6 2006: Fetzer interviews conspiracy theorist Bill Deagle on his radio show. Deagle proposes that the Oklahoma City bombing was staged using "micro nukes," among other fantastical claims (chemtrails, guillotine-equipped FEMA camps, etc) none of which Fetzer challenges.

September 10, 2006: With the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks looming, the South Bend Tribune³³ publishes a profile of the most prominent voices in the 9/11 truth movement:

Retired University of Minnesota Duluth philosophy Prof. James Fetzer is founder of Scholars for 9/11 Truth. "What the government committed was shock and awe on American soil," he said. "And all of their explanations are phony, a fraud, a hoax, a myth."

[...] Fetzer attributes the breadth of belief in a Sept. 11 conspiracy to recent media appearances by himself, Barrett and others in his scholars group, which has grown in a few months to about 300 members. "Being on C-SPAN, our conferences have had the effect of legitimizing our argument," he said. Haneef said "any publicity is good publicity, even if it's negative, because it gets the word out of what we're trying to say. But the word 'conspiracy' has a stigma, so it paints you as a kind of abnormal person."

September 26th, arguing in comments on 911blogger:

Anyone who wants to make a federal case of trivialities like this should find better things to do with their copious free time. (I can just imagine Sean Hannity saying, "Fetzer's all wrong. He said that Cheney said, 'Have you heard anything different?', when what he actualy said is, 'Have you heard anything to the contrary?' What a liar and a cheat!" But that is exactly the attitude I find here on 911Blogger.com, of all places. So spare me the nickle-and-dime attacks. I am doing what I can do with what have to promote the cause of 9/11 truth. I am hardly surprised that I am not everyone's cup of tea. So what? Who cares? Change the channel. Get a life! Because, frankly, I could care less. I can't believe anyone takes this crap seriously.

911blogger.com/news/2006-09-25/easily-showing-jim-fetzer-fraud

http://articles.southbendtribune.com/2006-09-10/news/26966404_1_conspiracy-theories-conspiracy-nation-poll

September 28th: Fetzer appears on Fox News's *Hannity and Colmes*, discussing 9/11 conspiracy theories ³⁴.

October 1: Dr. Jim Fetzer speaks at the University of Wisconsin Madison as to why universities should be studying the events of 9/11³⁵

November 11: Jim Fetzer interviews Judy Wood on RBN Live and begins focusing upon the 'directed energy beams' theory.

Jim Fetzer: "I must say I think we're finding out Judy, what happened on 9/11. I'm just blown away by your work. This is the most fascinating development in the history of the study of 9/11 ... I'm going to make a wild guess Judy; I'm going to presume that these [directed energy] beams had to be located in Building 7?"

Judy Wood: "Nope. I don't think so."

Fetzer: "Planes?"

Judy Wood: "No ... I think it's very likely it's in orbit."

Fetzer: "Oh Really?? Oh ho ho ho! Oh Judy. Oh my oh my oh my. This is huge ... this is huge Judy."

November 18: Steven Jones writes an email to Fetzer in which he expresses concerns that he's being misled by Judy Wood and Morgan Reynolds.

Jim, you're being sold a bill of goods by these people and I beg of you to consider sound arguments instead. It's now nearly 3 am and I'm going back to bed, sleep I hope. It really concerns me that you are being so easily led by the nose my friend by these ideas of Judy's or whoever. Ask for numbers, calculations. Insist on these so you can do some checking before you go telling people that a grand piano takes 21 seconds over the time of the tower's fall. What a bunch of obvious garbage, Jim. You're going to be laughed at by anyone who knows how to calculate terminal velocity, which is mass-dependent!

Will you listen to reason?

Steve

November 19: Fetzer publishes an open letter regarding his relationship with Steven Jones who is attempting to marginalise Fetzer from the 9/11 Scholars for Truth movement. Fetzer bizarrely

³⁴ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGWYyKNTPEc

³⁵ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1jb-0ClpbM

denounces Jones' wish to have referenced, accurate material available on their website and instead states his desire to include theories in their relative infancy:

The web site is for current events and recent developments to keep the public informed about what is going on within the research community in its exploratory stages, including mini-nukes and high-tech weapons, which may or may not "pan out" and reach stages of development suitable for journal publication.

November 25: Fetzer pens an article on the first anniversary of Scholar for 9/11 Truth and advocates for fringe theorists such as Wood, Reynolds and Rick Siegel to join the board of directors.

"The board of directors, in my view, should include a wide range of perspectives about possible causes of destruction at the WTC, encompassing perspectives as diverse as those of David Ray Griffin, Morgan Reynolds, Rick Siegel, and Judy Wood."

December 5th: Steven Jones disassociates himself from Scholars for 9/11 Truth and forms a new group entitled "Scholars for 9/11 Truth and Justice." The reason for this split is listed hence: "Fetzer became enamored of some of the more outlandish conspiracy theories, such as those that featured mini-nuclear weapons or high-energy weapons."

Since his retirement from Brigham Young University, Jones has devoted his energies to the 9/11 conspiracy movement. He was a cofounder with James H. Fetzer, a former philosophy professor at the University of Minnesota at Duluth, of Scholars for 9/11 Truth. This alliance disintegrated almost a year later as Fetzer became enamored of some of the more outlandish conspiracy theories, such as those that featured mini–nuclear weapons or high-energy weapons. Jones wanted to keep the conspiracy theories more scientific. This disagreement and others led Jones to separate from the Scholars for 9/11 Truth on December 5, 2006, and start his own organization—Scholars for 9/11 Truth and Justice. He also became the coeditor of the *Journal of*

December 29: Fetzer posts an update³⁷ regarding the Scholars for 9/11 truth schizm, giving his side of the story and declaring that "the fate of Scholars for 9/11 Truth is at stake."

I have no problem with the creation of another society. If you disagree with the policies and practices of a society, the honorable thing to do is to resign and, if you are so inclined, create a new one of your own. What is going on here, however, is completely different and not at all honorable. It is reminiscent of children playing football, where one of them takes the football and claims it for his own, then passes it off to another when players are closing in, where the new possessor sticks it with a knife so the game becomes impossible. That's what is going on.

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³⁷ http://911scholars.org/SiteThreatened.html

I would close by observing that, on 13 December 2006, the attorney for the society I have retained, Jerry S. Leaphart, sent Alex Floum a proposal for binding arbitration: "I am authorized to indicate that Dr. Fetzer would be willing to enter into a mediation agreement concerning the domain names. I suggest mediation under WIPO as per the rules set forth . . ." Alex Floum did not respond to this proposal, but I reiterate it here. I am willing to abide by the decision of binding arbitration through the professional WIPO society to resolve the issues between us and let us get on with our work.

2007

March 27th: Fetzer's first 9/11 conspiracy related book is published, entitled '9/11 Conspiracy'.

Time is showing a growing development of skepticism about the official version of 9/11. The experts contributing to this book have conducted their own research into this seminal event that the Bush administration has used to subvert civil liberties, conduct preemptive wars, and bring the world perilously closer to chaos. In articles and appendices, The 9/11 Conspiracy shows why it's unlikely that the Twin Towers were brought down by the crashing planes and subsequent fires; why the Pentagon was most likely not hit by a Boeing 757; and why the story of Flight 93 could not have happened as the government claims. For example, the Towers were built to withstand much more impact and heat than actually occurred, and the collapse contradicts the laws of physics. The notable contributors here — including David Ray Griffin and Morgan Reynolds — have thoroughly scrutinized 9/11 from every angle and found the government portrayal of what occurred deceptive — and dangerous. 38

He claims "As a philosopher I am committed to truth. As a philosopher of science, I know that science is our most reliable method for discovering truth."

He also laments the harassment him and various contemporaries have suffered since they began speaking on the issue.

June 5: The documentary 'September Clues' is released which alleges that on 9/11 "The operation involved airing on television a substitute, computer-generated version of reality." Fetzer would later present this video as supporting evidence for the 'no planes' theory.

The maker of this video, Simon Shack (aka Simon Hytten) would also allege that 'Nobody Died on 9/11', an early precursor to the narratives running throughout mass casualty events over the next few years. Fetzer would later denounce his association with Hytten's work.³⁹

³⁸ http://www.amazon.com/The-11-Conspiracy-Scamming-America/dp/0812696123

³⁹ http://www.veteranstoday.com/2014/01/18/simon-shack-obf-and-the-911-september-clueless-distractors/

<u>June 14 2007</u>: (Some sort of dispute regarding Smallstorm and Fetzer and *9/11 Mysteries*, not sure who is mad about about here yet)⁴⁰:

From the first lies Sophia emailed me early last October, 2 weeks after her video hit the market, to Fetzer's obvious disdain for the use of communication to obtain consensus or cooperation. Both of them choose to chat it up with lies in public forums and pseudo webcasts that will be again refuted as "honest mistakes" and "from our best information". These same excuses for lies that they claim on the powers that are to be shaken from the trees.

There was never anything personal here, no personal email, no calls, no attempt at human communication. In fact Sophia sent lawyers even after I tried over email and through Phil Jayhan (who said he ran into a wall). Fetzer, whom I am still an official advisor decides the best way after months of my asking him to mediate and get her to talk, decides to just fall right over to her. Thanks to the cooperative efforts and great communication skills of a professor emeritus in philosophy this is how things happen.

All of them seem to lack the simple ability to directly communicate and have used every opportunity to further kill the real evidence. I just do not understand why Fetzer never took time to bring this together and worked to split it. Same with new age Sophia, Jayhan, all of them. This is the most amazing charade I have ever witnessed.

It is just a bit out there to watch this all, being a three brained rational being, and see so many willing to follow the big flags and fancy costumes rather than face there is a gash and under it is more of the same ugly.

July 6 2007: Jim Fetzer teams up with Sofia Smallstorm (real name **Sophia Shafquat**) for "9/11 Mysteries" (first known association with **Shafquat**? check JFK?)⁴¹ which would be accused of stealing research from amateur "investigators" in the 9/11 truth movement. This team endeavor to monetize existing conspiracy content would repeat itself with Sandy Hook.

July 16: An article in published in the New York Post alleging that Rick Siegel, a man Fetzer supported, and his partner Nico Haupt had been harassing the widow of a man killed on 9/11⁴². This was an early taste of what would follow in later years as family members connected to high profile tragedies were targeted by conspiracy theorists.

The Web site is the work of a Rick Siegel, who hawks DVDs that purport to prove the trade center's destruction was an inside job. He is partners with Nico Haupt, who is known for sending blistering e-mail rants to trade-center survivors.

My attempts to reach both men were fruitless.

The odd thing is that the loonies are picking on Ellen. She has been outspoken in insisting that the government knows more about the attacks than it is admitting. But a source familiar with the

⁴⁰ https://web.archive.org/web/20070711101845/http://www.911researchers.com/node/588

⁴¹ https://web.archive.org/web/20070713104400/http://www.911clowns.com/web/node/6 (temp source)

⁴² http://nypost.com/2007/07/16/911-skeptics-lunatic-fringe/

groups says they tend to target people who fall short of their extreme anti-Semitic, anti-everything views.

Siegel's primary mandate was attacks on other researchers and running an online 'gossip column' to slander and harass others involved in the movement.

July 28: Fetzer writes an article on OpEd news which details the 'Mounting Evidence of 9/11 Video Fakery'⁴³ and cites the widely discredited 'researcher' Ace Baker as the source of these theories. Similar to his claims regarding the legitimacy of the Zapruder film, this represents Fetzer's latest foray into the 'everything is fake' paradigm that seems to have become the hallmark of his work.

"I used to think that the very idea of faking 'live' broadcasts was at least faintly absurd,' observed James Fetzer, the society's founder. 'But it turns out that there is a delay between an event's actual occurrence and the broadcasting of footage of that same event, which creates the opportunity for image manipulation."

2008

January 15th: Cass Sunstein, an American legal scholar appointed to to Obama administration co-authors a paper entitled 'Conspiracy Theories' with Adrian Vermeule which identifies the risks associated with conspiracy theory and the potential spread of violence as a result. Sunstein "advocated the use of anonymous government agents to engage in "cognitive infiltration" of these groups in order to introduce "cognitive diversity," with the aim of breaking them up."

Sunstein has been linked to Julius Springer, the publisher of the majority of Fetzer's works on cognitive science.⁴⁵

2009

March 11th: Fetzer is quoted as saying the following in regard to Abraham Zapruder, the private citizen who filmed the JFK assassination:

"There are several possibilities, including that Zapruder was made of rubber, that Zapruder was not there at all, and that someone else stood in for him."

March 15th: Fetzer is attributed the following quote, also regarding Zapruder:

https://web.archive.org/web/20080511173429/http://www.opednews.com/articles/opedne_james_fe_070726 mounting_evidience_o.htm

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⁴⁴ http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1084585

⁴⁵ http://www.takeourworldback.com/fetzersunstein.htm

"Zapruder and Sitzman may have been in the area, but I have always found it a bit odd that she would climb up on the pedestal, which would have been difficult for anyone but especially a woman in a dress, who, presumably, would want to preserve her modesty. But the question is a bit more basic than that, since we know that "the Zapruder film" is not a film that Zapruder--or anyone else!--could have taken, since it includes events, like the blow-out to the right-front, which are complete fabrications."

2010: Fetzer writes on "education forum" (clarify this) about his (allegedly) "relatively recent" experience of becoming familiar with Zionism, supposedly through interviews with Stephen Lendman, Barry Chamish, and Elias Davidsson on Fetzer's radio show, "The Real Deal."

Lifton seems to be upset that I have endorsed a book, STRANGER THAN FICTION, which traces the history of Zionism from the late 1800s to the present day and advances evidence, not only of the history of terrorism practiced by those who wanted to create the State of Israel, but of Israeli involvement in the events of 9/11. I had independently concluded Israel was involved in 9/11 before I discovered this book. I must admit that I had no clear concept of Zionism until relatively recently, when I began inviting experts on the subject onto my radio program, "The Real Deal", including Stephen Lendman (13 March 2010), Barry Chamish (30 March 2010), and Elias Davidsson (10 July 2010). I found the book to be extremely compact, insightful, and illuminating, and read 6-8 chapters on the air STRANGER THAN FICTION (26 April 2010). I interviewed the author, Albert Pastore, Ph.D., which is a pseudonym, on Friday, 28 May 2010, and had it rebroadcast Monday, 31 May 2010, which was Memorial Day. All of these programs either are or will be archived on http://radiofetzer.blogspot.com.

2012

June 2nd-3rd: ConspiracyCon is held in Santa Clara with Jim Fetzer a guest speaker in addition to seasoned conspiracy luminaries like Kerry Cassidy (Project Camelot) and "3rd Level Illuminati Witch" Doc Marquis.

Fetzer presents a 9/11 segment details as follows:

9/11: PLANES / NO PLANES... AND VIDEO FAKERY

Perhaps no issue has become more controversial than those involving the use of Boeing aircraft on 9/11, where Boeing 767s are alleged to have hit the North and the South Towers and Boeing 757s are supposed to have hit the Pentagon and to have crashed in Shanksville, PA. Since Flights 11 and 77 were not even scheduled that day and FAA Registration data shows that the planes corresponding to Flights 93 and 175 were not deregistered until 28 September 2005, how can planes that were not in the air have crashed on 9/11 and how can planes that crashed have still been in the air four years later? The "official account" of 9/11 hangs in the balance of the answers to these questions.

⁴⁶ https://web.archive.org/web/20120508021744/http://conspiracycon.com/speakers.html

FDR data provided to Pilots by the NTSB, which it claims came from Flight 77, actually corresponded to a plane that flew toward the Pentagon on a very different approach and far too high to have hit any lampposts. Videos of Flight 11 hitting the North Tower and of Flight 175 hitting the South contain significant anomalies, which has raised the possibility that video fakery of some kind may have been involved. Join 9/11 scholar Jim Fetzer with this controversial, yet compelling, examination of yet more anomalies that once again help to refute the official version of 9/11.

July: Fetzer helps to found 'The Oswald Innocence Campaign' on the basis that Lee Havery Oswald was in fact pictured in a different location during the JFK assassination and was therefore innocent.



This theory alleges that the man pictured in the doorway is in fact Oswald on the basis of an extremely low res photograph and some visual similarities (this would later become a hallmark of conspiracy theories surrounding Sandy Hook).

This would later lead to Fetzer being banned from Deep Politics forum where he'd been a prominent poster.

October 2012: Gordon Duff, a senior editor for Veterans Today who writes some of most blatant disinformation across the entire site makes a bizarre admission during an interview with Mike Harris⁴⁷, stating:

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⁴⁷ https://archive.org/details/GordonDuff.FalseInformationControversy

"I don't know know any imaginable way you can get information...First of all...Because, about 30%, based on what I believe...and you know what? Who says I'm right? According to my belief, and I have as good of, uh access to information as anyone in the world, probably, anyone I know of. About 30% of what's written on Veterans Today, is patently false. About 40% of what I write, is at least purposely, partially false, because if I didn't write false information I wouldn't be alive. I simply have to do that. I write...anything I write I write between the lines."

Interview can be found here, from 70:35

December 14th: The Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting

December 20th: Fetzer publishes his first article on Sandy Hook entitled 'Mossad Death Squads Slaughtered Children at Sandy Hook'.⁴⁸

This article, coming only six days after the massacre is based entirely on conjecture and presents absolutely no evidence in support of this claim, demonstrating that Fetzer had decided upon the conspiratorial nature of the event long before information was available for analysis.

The article includes speculative passages such as:

"The Sandy Hook massacre appears to have been a psy op intended to strike fear in the hearts of Americans by the sheer brutality of the massacre, where the killing of children is a signature of terror ops conducted by agents of Israel.

This is being used as powerful incentive for banning assault rifles, where most of the public is unaware of the fact that the Department of Homeland Security has acquired 1.5 billion rounds of .40 caliber, hollow-point ammunition, which is not ever permissible in warfare under the Geneva Conventions."

"The choice appears to be covertly revealing, where "Sandy" means guardian of men (as an allusion to guns) and "Hook" as a euphemism for hooking, gathering or confiscating the only weapons that DHS fears. And who better to slaughter American children than Israelis, who deliberately murder Palestinian children?"

"The most likely scenario, given what we know now, is that Adam Lanza and his mother killed the day before. Adam's body picked up by local police. He was attired in a SWAT outfit, including body armor, and stored in the school.

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A three-man team entered the school, one was arrested in the school--cuffed and put on the lawn--two went out the back door, one was arrested, the third appears to have escaped. You can find this on helicopter videos."

It's this kind of early conjuncture from the likes of Fetzer which will spearhead the later development of more elaborate theories about Sandy Hook, but demonstrate his commitment to ensuring he's injecting himself into the narrative as quickly as possible.

2013

January 4th: In <u>an interview with the Duluth News Tribune</u>, Donna Halper, an associate professor of communication at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, characterized Fetzer's viewpoint as "profoundly disappointing."

"I'm not saying he doesn't have the right to speak, but... when it comes from a professor, it makes me wonder: What did he teach his students?" Halper told the Tribune. "Here you have someone who is allegedly an educated person spreading such uneducated opinions in the name of Duluth. That's outrageous."

January 6th: Fetzer publishes an article on his blog by Nick Kollerstrom, a prominent British holocaust denier who is also making early claims of a conspiracy at Sandy Hook.

Among Kollerstrom's 'proof' includes the 'crisis actor' theory based on Robbie Parker's interview and the map in the Dark Knight Rises film which includes Sandy Hook. He also cites the 2000 film "Sandy Hook Lingerie Party Massacre" as proof of predictive programming 12 years in advance of the event. ⁴⁹ (For the record there are 15⁵⁰ locations in the United States called 'Sandy Hook').

May 21: Anti-Israeli and anti-Zionist jazz musician Gilad Atzmon holds a talk in Madison which Fetzer first announces himself as a holocaust denier.

(Madison, WI)- My VT colleague Dr. James Fetzer is no stranger to controversy. Beginning with his 1990s research on the JFK assassination, and continuing through his work on 9/11 and the assassination of Sen. Paul Wellstone, Jim Fetzer has never been shy about researching too-hot-to-touch topics and expressing politically incorrect views.

But last night at Gilad Atzmon's talk in Madison, Wisconsin, Fetzer outdid himself. In the discussion session following Atzmon's presentation, Fetzer announced his support for holocaust revisionism. After studying the issue, he says, he has concluded that the

⁴⁹ http://jamesfetzer.blogspot.com/2013/01/sandy-hook-analogies-with-77-london.html

⁵⁰ http://www.placesnamed.com/s/a/sandy hook.asp

⁵¹ http://uwsw.blogspot.co.uk/2013/05/gilad-atzmon-in-madison-tuesday-may-21st.html

six-million-victims figure is grossly exaggerated, and that revisionists like Dr. Nick Kollerstrom who assert there were no mass gassings in gas chambers are right.

2014

May 14: An article is published by Fetzer and Victoria Muramoto which directly asserts that the 'part' of parent Robbie Parker was played by John Matthew Walker, an actor and musician from Texas.

2015

February 12: Fetzer's son Bret is attacked⁵² after attending a show at the Annex Theatre in Seattle and gives this account of the event:

So, after seeing Zapoi! at Annex Theatre — which I highly recommend — I was walking down 11th headed to Pine and passed a guy walking the other way, who started saying incoherent but hostile things to me. I said, "I don't understand what you said, sorry. Take care." and kept walking. At Pine, in front of the Rhino Room, I started checking the bus app to see what was coming; then I realized the guy had followed me and was standing to my left, pointing his finger in my face and calling me "faggot" along with more incoherent speech. He seemed to think I had violent or sexual intentions towards him. I faced him and made eye contact — which may have been a mistake, but at this point I seem to be playing a prominent role in his inner life, so I suspect it wouldn't have mattered what I did. When I started to step back and turn away, he smacked me across the left side of my face with a beer bottle. I can't remember if I fell down — I kept my cell phone in my hand the whole time, so I don't think I did, but I really can't remember. There were lots of people around, someone called 911 and the police came, but the guy was gone. My teeth got jolted, there were messy but minor cuts with some dramatic blood spatters, but I'm lucky (well, lucky for a guy who got hit in the face with a beer bottle) there was nothing worse. EMTs determined I didn't need stitches, gave me some wet naps. The cops gave me a ride home.

So. That happened. I'm okay, I just have a big bruise across my left jaw. My teeth all seem to be in the right place.

There are a lot of troubled people out there; be careful.

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Fetzer's son 'writes and performs fairy tales'- an occupation not too dissimilar to that of his father.

March 29: Fetzer writes an article supporting the theory that Paul McCartney died and was replaced in the Beatles by Billy Shears⁵³

April 1: Land valuation by Village of Oregon, Wisconsin:

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May 3: Fetzer 'defects' from Veterans Today where he's been a writer for some years previously. Fetzer issues this statement citing censorship from Gordon Duff (the writer who made the "30% of the website is patently false" claim). The issue seems to be focused on Fetzer's coverage of the Boston Bombing and Jade Helm.

As a journalist and editor for Veterans Today, the Senior Editor of which is Gordon Duff, I was astonished when he trashed an article by another former Marine, Robert O'Dowd, by adding an "Editor's Note" claiming that what O'Dowd had to say was uninformed, unsourced and misleading, since he (Gordon Duff) had "checked with his sources" and they all told him that **JADE HELM was** an innocuous "training op". After doing my own research, I published an article about it, "JADE HELM is NOT a 'normal training drill", where I was not surprised that he added another "Editor's Note"—this time twice as long and even more venomous—trashing my article, too. After it received 600 reads in the first hour (which hinted it would become #1), he took it down. The next day, he tossed me out of Veterans Today. [...] I have managed to recapture the article, which I have now republished at jamesfetzer.blogspot.com, which you can access here. Ask yourself why anyone in that position would have attacked this article, especially from a writer for VT who has published 150 articles on JFK, 9/11, Wellstone, Sandy Hook, the Boston bombing and Fukushima. Ask what could possibly be going on with Gordon Duff. Why would he have trashed this article? I had noticed almost immediately that two of my other articles were missing, having "disappeared" over night after Gordon took me out of Veterans Today. One of them was on the Boston bombing, entitled "Faking the Boston bombing: How it was done", which followed up on Nathan Folks' observation that it had been done using (what is known as) "hyper-realistic" filming. So I embedded a sensational two-and-a-half hour program aired on "Caravan to Midnight", which John B. Wells has regarded as important enough to make public as a YouTube [....] I was therefore astonished to discover that not just one but my four most recent and important

⁵³ http://jamesfetzer.blogspot.com/2015/05/why-ringos-confession-we-replaced-paul_11.html

articles about the Boston bombing-none of which has anything remotely to do with JADE HELM-had also been "disappeared". So I have written to John Allen, the General Manager of Veterans Today, the following email explaining that, if this is not a crime in itself, it at least appears to involved Veterans Today in covering up a crime [....] Since I have now asked Gordon Duff a half-dozen times about "Faking the Boston bombing: How it was done", and had no reply, I am convinced he is responsible, which means he is not only covering for JADE HELM but also for the Boston bombing. This man appears to me to embody corruption. The day before he sacked me from Veterans Today, by coincidence, I did a "False Flag Weekly News" about JADE HELM, which includes around 20 reference[s] that anyone can verify for themselves [....] That the situation has come to this grieves me. I began writing for Veterans Today when Gordon invited me to join in 2011. I have believed in Gordon and thought he was a serious and professional journalist. I am dismayed at the turn of events, but [...] As the evidence I have presented explains, I no longer believe in Gordon Duff.

May 15: Fetzer publishes the book "And I suppose we didn't go to the moon, either?: The Beatles, the Holocaust, and other mass illusions (Save the World, Resist the Empire)", a compendium of Fetzer's various conspiracy beliefs.

Unlike the government, none of us have any reason to lie. Some might say, "This may be the most dangerous book in the world!" And they just might be right! This book demonstrates--with scientific argument and empirical proof--that Man did not go to the Moon, that Paul McCartney was replaced after his death in 1966 and that the official narrative of the Holocaust cannot be sustained. It also explains how and why the United States hung one of his doubles, not the real Saddam Hussein, and that Osama bin Laden was not killed by U.S. Navy SEALs in Pakistan in 2011, but died from his medical conditions in 2001, where it was politically expedient for him to die a second time.

The book is criticized for being poorly researched and badly edited.

November 5: Fetzer's podcast/radio show "The Real Deal" airs its 125th episode ⁵⁴, titled "Sandy Hook: the New JFK" - presumably indicating that Fetzer recognizes the potential for a JFK-level cottage industry for his books and appearances by crafting a false narrative about this crime.

November 19: 'Nobody Died at Sandy Hook' is removed from sale at Amazon.

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⁵⁴ https://player.fm/series/the-real-deal-with-jim-fetzer-podcast/the-real-deal-125-sandy-hookthe-new-jfk-show-79

Six civil case links (select search by party): http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/default.aspx27-cv-92-010572

Feb 3 2006: oldest youtube video

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