



Storming Fortresses

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh,
but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:4

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A WORD:

On these stories Jesus founded a call to repentance, adding to each of them this awakening word, *Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish...* It must moderate our censure, not only that we are sinners, but that we are as great sinners as they, have as much sin to repent of as they had to suffer for. That therefore we are all concerned to repent, to be sorry for what we have done amiss, and to do so no more. **The judgments of God upon others are loud calls to us to repent.** See how Christ improved every thing for the pressing of that great duty which he came not only to gain room for, and give hopes to, but to enjoin upon us and that is, to repent.

Matthew Henry
Luke 13:1-5

Twin Towers, Symbol of Hypocrisy

Part 6: The Claytons Tragedy

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Introduction

When we began this series we gave it the title, "Symbol of Hypocrisy." This title may have seemed to some to be in bad taste. This we assure you was not an effort in crudity, but a sincere desire to bring to light some of the contradictions that September 11 raised. We have looked at philosophical and theological issues raised by the attack on the Twin Towers. In this article we propose to look at some of the real and practical aspects that give reason for the title of "Hypocrisy."

Why "Symbol of Hypocrisy?" The answer to

this is very simple. As we speak with fork tongues.

sat and watched the aftermath of the September 11 attack, we could not help but notice the contradictory standards that began to be espoused. (Some of these have been highlighted already and we will look at some others a little later.) As we pondered this our mind was cast back to the time of the old Cowboy and Indian movies we watched as a child. In particular, the famous old line, "White man speak with fork tongue!" kept coming to mind. It seemed that nothing much has changed in the last few centuries. White man, particularly white governments, still

What do we mean by this? Succinctly, it means to speak words with double meaning. The one stream divides into multiples. In an expanded form, it means that duplicity conjures up interpretable phrases which can legitimately mean different things to different people. It is duplicity because it is a deliberate act of deception perpetrated against an individual, a group, or even a nation.

We will mention two examples. One is set in a church torn apart by warring parties. A delegation

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of church authorities arrive. They look over the situation. In response they write a letter urging those in the wrong to be reconciled and to keep the peace. It was a very nice letter. The problem was that it made no effort to identify who was in error or even what the error was. This allowed every person to read it and point the finger at someone else.

The second example is just that, an example of how people use these tactics. This example is relevant in that it pertains to the last President of the United States, Bill Clinton. During his term in office we heard a commentator note that one of the President's greatest abilities was his capacity to speak with someone at length and have that person walk away believing that the President was in total agreement with all that had been said, when in fact that was not the case.

We hasten to add that Bill Clinton is not alone here. We have all heard

politicians speak without actually saying anything. In Australian political history, we believe Bob Hawke is the best recent example of a politician who could speak with passion on a subject without actually saying anything of substance.

White man speaks with a fork tongue, still! This is no less the case when events like September 11 occur. At times like this the leaders have to stand up and be counted, but counted for what? In the case of September 11, the exact details of what was happening were not immediately known. It would have been very different if, after a declaration of war, Comrade Shootemov parked his tank in the middle of Manhattan and opened fire. We would know who, why, and when. The rhetoric could be directed to the source. Distinct action could be proposed. Retribution could be aimed specifically at those responsible. *Justice would then be achieved.*

September 11, however, seemed to lack this direction. Rhetoric, *pompous rhetoric*, was contained to declarations about innocence, justice, and revenge. It was aimed at no one and every one, except the powers that be.

In the midst of this rhetoric, the hypocrisy began.

The Death of Innocence

One of the first phrases that began to be bandied around was the "Death of Innocence," or words to that effect. There was a great effort on the part of the American government and media officials to make out that the events of September 11 were somehow ethically unique. Granted, no one has used laden passenger jets as missiles before, but was this attack

really the death of innocence? Put in a different way, Was innocence alive and thriving before September 11?

Let us explore and see.

Where was innocence when, in 1939, Russian troops shot four thousand unarmed Polish service personnel (POWs) and buried them in mass graves in the forest of Katyn?

Did innocence exist in Mauthausen, Birkenau, Auschwitz, or any of the other concentration camps run by the Nazis?

When German troops under the command of Colonel Joachim Peiper, shot and killed eighty-six unarmed US service personnel (POWs) near Malmedy (Malmedy), Belgium, Was innocence the guiding principle? (Some escaped by feigning death and ran off later. In other words, the Nazis desired to kill everyone—approximately 140.)

In February 1943, after leading an unsuccessful German attack at the Battle of Stalingrad, Field Marshal Von Paulus surrendered to Russian troops. Ninety-one thousand Germans were taken prisoner. Only five or six thousand ever made it home.¹ Was innocence thriving?

On the 14 February 1942, the Vyner Brooke was bombed and sunk by the Japanese. On board this vessel were sixty-five Australian nurses and physiotherapists. Twenty-two nurses made it to Banka Island. They were captured by the Japanese who herded them into the surf on Radji Beach and then machine gunned them to death. One nurse survived. Shooting unarmed combat troops may be one thing. Shooting nurses is quite different. How much innocence did those

¹ This does not take into account the estimated one hundred and forty-seven thousand who died during the battle. Estimates put the Russian losses for the battle at approximately half a million.

Japanese soldiers possess?

Yes, you are right. These are all war examples. Let us then look at some others.

On December 21, 1988, Pan Am flight 103 was blown up in mid air and crashed into the Scottish town of Lockerbie. The 259 on board the plane were killed. As were eleven people on the ground. Two hundred and seventy lives were lost because a terrorist felt the need to make a point. Innocence?

On December 3, 1984, a toxic gas leaked from a tank in Bhopal, India. Some say an accident due to poor maintenance. Others say a disgruntled worker added water to the tank. Either way, three thousand eight hundred people died.² Can poor maintenance or revenge be described as innocence?

Last, we would cite a single event. It did not kill thousands. There were no bombs. Gas did not stalk victims on a quiet still night. Yet this event should prove that innocence was dead before September 11.

The event took place on Friday 12 February 1993. You will remember it best when asked to recall those extremely grainy photos from a security camera which captured a 2 year old being led away to his death by a 10 year old.

We refer here to the death of little Jamie Bulger (Bolger). He was led away by Jon Venables and Robert Thompson and murdered. He had been stalked and preyed upon. Had

an adult perpetrated this crime we would have been shocked, but two 10 year olds!!

The worst aspect is that few know what this little fellow suffered. We certainly do not remember the news reports telling the whole story. So as we ponder the well being of innocence, let us consider the following excerpts.

The first reference is taken from an email petition circulated after the perpetrators of this crime were given anonymity for life. It describes the acts committed against young Jamie in an effort to stir up opinion against the decision. It states, in part:

On February 12, 1993 a small boy who was to turn three in March was taken from a shopping mall in Liverpool by two 10 year old boys. Jamie Bolger walked away from his mother for only a second and Jon Venables took his hand and led him out of the mall with his friend Robert Thompson. They took Jamie on a walk for over 2 and a half miles, along the way stopping every now and again to torture the poor little boy who was crying constantly for his mummy. Finally they stopped at a railway track where they brutally kicked him and threw stones at him and rubbed paint in his eyes and pushed batteries up his anus. They then left his beaten small body on the tracks so a train could run him over to hide the mess they had created. These two boys, even being boys understood what they did was wrong, hence trying to make it look like an accident.³

This second quotation is taken from a web site which seeks to verify

the data presented in the first reference. It agrees at almost every point with the first reference:

On 12 February 1993 two-year-old James Bulger was brutally murdered by Jonathan (Jon) Venables (10) and Robert (Bobbie) Thompson (10) in Liverpool, England. With only one exception (the batteries in the victim's anus—they went into his mouth) the details of the crime as outlined in the e-mail are accurate. The boy was taken from a shopping mall while there with his mother. (A video surveillance camera captured footage of the two killers leading Jamie away.) The child was brutalized as he was forced to walk along with the boys. (Witnesses later reported seeing the boys dragging, pushing, and carrying the weeping-two-year old during a disjointed journey through the streets of Liverpool.) And they did kill him in the manner described, albeit more brutally than even the text of the e-petition lets on.

Two days after the murder, Jamie's remains were found on a lonely stretch of railroad track. He was naked from the waist down—his shoes, socks, trousers, and underpants had been taken off. His penis had been manipulated by his abductors, but he had not been anally penetrated (by batteries or anything else). He'd been beaten to death with rocks, bricks, and an iron bar. As the boys hammered at him, they splattered him with model aeroplane paint stolen days earlier. Once he was dead, his killers laid him on the tracks, and his body was cut in two by a passing train.

(The killers hoped to hide their crime by having it mistaken for an accidental death of a young child who'd fool-

2. Exact figures are not available. The Indian government's investigation in 1991 states three thousand eight hundred. Union Carbide uses this figure. However, groups fighting for added compensation believe that the overall death toll, including subsequent deaths caused by the gas, is close to twenty thousand. 20,000: <http://www.corpwatchindia.org/issues/PII.jsp?topicid=105>; 8,000: <http://www.indiatogether.org/campaigns/bhopal/timeline.htm>; 3,800: <http://www.bhopal.com/review.htm> (Run by Union Carbide)

3. <http://hoaxinfo.com/bolger.htm>;

ishly played on the tracks.)⁴

We are terribly sorry, but we cannot subscribe to the idea that on September 10 the world was innocent and virginal and that on September 12 we had been corrupted and spoilt. To state such is absolute nonsense. Biblically speaking, the world has not known innocence since Adam capitulated to his wife's offer to partake of the forbidden fruit.

True, this type of horrific incident may be new to American soil, but it is sheer arrogance to assert that what happened at Ground Zero was ethically unique and therefore different to any other catastrophic loss of life. Furthermore, it is an insult to others who have suffered loss at the hands of terrorists and evil doers. Why? Because what we are saying is that those who died on September 11 were more righteous than all who had died in terror attacks up to that day. We are saying that these lives are somehow more special, more worthy, and more deserving of life than Jamie Bulger, the twenty-one nurses murdered in cold blood, or the passengers on Pan Am Flight 103.

Is this really the case?

In answering this question, we turn to the words of Jesus, which have been frequently quoted since September 11:

Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And He answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were *greater* sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered this *fate*? "I tell you, no, but unless you

repent, you will all likewise perish. "Or do you suppose that those eight-
een on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, were *worse* culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."⁵

Jesus is very clear. He takes the case given to Him and then adds another to it to show that the salient point is nothing less than a man's preparedness to meet his Maker. The question is not who are the worst sinners, but whether they were in a fit state to stand before God.

Likewise, this is the salient point for today. People have spoken about September 11 being God's judgement upon America. Others have responded by saying that this is not the case, as it is ludicrous to suggest that these people were more guilty than others. This, however, shows a complete misunderstanding of the Biblical nature of judgement. When God judges a nation it can well mean that God does so by taking away the righteous. In so doing, He takes away the salt and light and leaves the wicked to their own putrid ends. Judgement does not equate to a removal of the wicked only.

Ponder for a moment the Godly in Israel who must have suffered because of the general disobedience of the nation. Think of people like Habakkuk who, upon crying out to the Lord because of Israel's evil, was told that the vicious Chaldeans were being raised up to subdue Israel. Habakkuk's response is understandable. How can these heathen, guilty of worse atrocities than Israel, be used of God to judge Israel? God responded by saying that this unholy instru-

ment would receive its own comeuppance:

¹⁵ "Woe to you who make your neighbors drink, Who mix in your venom even to make *them* drunk So as to look on their nakedness! ¹⁶ "You will be filled with disgrace rather than honor. Now you yourself drink and expose your *own* nakedness. The cup in the LORD'S right hand will come around to you, And utter disgrace *will come* upon your glory. ¹⁷ "For the violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, And the devastation of *its* beasts by which you terrified them, Because of human bloodshed and violence done to the land, To the town and all its inhabitants (Habakkuk 2:15-17).

However, it did not deter God from His course of action. Israel had sinned greatly. They had not walked in the ways that were right. That had despised the prophetic messages and had turned aside to the left and to the right. Thus Israel was ripe for judgement.

Thus the question, speculative though it may be, is, What happened to people like Habakkuk when the vulgar Chaldeans arrived?

Judgement upon a nation does not declare to that nation that the worst offenders have been struck down. What it does declare, without exception, is that all in that nation must be prepared for the day of their death, by whatever means, as it will be the day they face God (2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27).

Similarly, judgement upon a nation does not necessarily come by a righteous hand. Habakkuk is a case in point. Judgement came by a murder-

⁴ <http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/petition/bulger.htm>; Other news stories on the case can be found at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/991562.stm>; <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/1163475.stm>;

⁵ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977. Luke 13:1-5. All Scripture quotations are taken from this source.

ous nation. Further, an act of judgement by God does not mean total calamity in the first instance. We may say that God begins by whispering. If we do not respond, He will yell. Last of all, He will kick in the door of the stiffnecked.

God gave America and the West a wake up call on September 11. All the “righteous speak” about innocence is unfounded and unwarranted. God does not judge innocence, but he will surely judge guilt! So, how much guilt is there in our nations?

The Claytons Tragedy

The hypocrisy in the aftermath of September 11 gained momentum when people began speaking about the governments (over there) who had been implicated in the Twin Towers attack. Officials spoke of these dastardly people who oppressed and killed their own people. These murderous regimes were decried. We ask, How do our government officials sleep at night?

Since when have our governments been without blame?!

Once again, when these governments and officials started speaking about the tragedy of September 11, we cringed. Hence the title, “A Claytons Tragedy.”

So, what is a “Claytons Tragedy?” Some years ago a supermarket style beverage was introduced to Australia (It may well be international). “Clayton’s,” was a non-alcoholic drink that you mixed with water or soft drink and was supposed to be an alternative to alcohol. If you will, a poor man’s rum. This beverage was

marketed under the slogan, “The drink you have when you’re not having a drink!”

Now it seems to us that this slogan befits September 11—the tragedy you have when you’re not having a tragedy.

Here we must once again remind people that we are not unsympathetic to what happened on September 11. We fully understand the heartache and magnitude of the event. Fathers who will never come home. Mothers who will never again tuck their children into bed. Daughters who will never ring for Mother’s Day. Family reunions that will always have *that* gap. Citizens who are afraid to go out in public. People who are afraid to step on an aeroplane.

We understand that the psyche of a nation has been changed. Even from down-under we are reminded of the horrid events every time we watch an old movie and see the Towers of the World Trade Center standing tall. All this, however, does not alter the fact that there are many incongruous aspects which have come to light through this event.

So why have we taken this stance? Simply, it is time that the West was made to face its own sin and shame. It seems to most a fair thing to point the finger at Saddam Hussein and yell, “Tyrant!” Yet, do we only classify “tyrants” according to country of origin and the fact that they like to wear military uniforms four out of seven days?

It is reality check time for the West. Yes, Saddam has waged a war with his neighbour using biological weapons. Is he alone? By no means.

We have already alluded to the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime. We know that the United States were very prominent in the pursuit of those Germans accused of war crimes. All looks very good, so far. The problem is, that if we cast our minds back to World War Two, we are forced to remember that the Nazis were part of an Axis Alliance. In company with Italy and Japan, Germany struck out on its evil jaunt. So, what of these other powers?

Have you ever wondered why Japan seemed to escape War Crimes trials or more specifically, Why the trials conducted were of no real consequence?

It has come to light in recent years that the Japanese had their own concentration camps where they carried out experiments on human captives. Experiments were of various sorts, but they all frequently ended with vivisection (live dissections).

The Chinese suffered the most, but so did our POWs. They were murdered as examples to other soldiers. Take as an example some of the aircrews who took part in the air raid led by Jimmy Doolittle.⁶ These were all in uniform. Yet several were executed.

The viciousness of the Japanese can be clearly seen in the following table. When compared with the Germans, the atrocities become clear.

Given these rates of attrition, Why were the Japanese never held to account?

Simple. The United States came to a convenient agreement—give us the data from your wicked experi-

⁶ Eighty men in 16 B-25s made near-impossible takeoffs from the carrier. They shocked the Japanese by bombing Tokyo. And then just as they were reaching safety on the coast of China, they began to run out of fuel. “When we ran out of gas, we bailed out,” said Griffin. Two flyers died in crashes and eight were captured and tortured by the Japanese. Three were executed. http://abcnews.go.com/sections/wnt/DailyNews/doolittle_raiders020419.html

| | By Nazis | By Japanese |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| US POWs Captured and Interned | 96,614 | 33,021 |
| US POWs Died While Interned | 1,121 (1.1%) | 12,526 (37%) |
| US Civilians Captured and Interned | 4,749 | 13,996 |
| US Civilians Died While Interned | 168 (3.5%) | 1,536 (11%) |

ments and we will save you from prosecution. Obviously Chinese and American's are more expendable than the Jews and Poles. Now please understand, this is not racism. It is a conclusion drawn from the facts. How can you excuse one barbarian and condemn another? Morality does not allow for it, but expedient political manoeuvring does.

The treachery of the United States is now coming to light and their stand is nothing short of hypocrisy. Consider the following statements:

According to published data, U.S. intelligence knew about the work of Unit 731 long before the end of the war. However, at the end of the war, Ishii Shiro and all his subordinates were pensioned off by the U.S. Government in return for the data related to human experiments. Because of this "plea bargain", the criminal acts of the notorious Unit 731 have disappeared from history with the end of the war. Up to this day, the Japanese government still will not confess these criminal offenses....

In 1949, some members of Unit 731 were captured by the Russian army in Manchuria. When the Russians tried them in a military tribunal, some of the information on Unit 731 leaked out. One of the members of Unit 731 in the bacteria production department, under interrogation by Russian personnel, confessed that Unit 731 practiced experiments with live human subjects. Russia immediately

sent a request through the International Bureau of Investigation to prosecute Ishii Shiro and all related personnel, but the request was rejected by the U.S. Government. Unit 731 has not received its deserved prosecution and trial, just as the Japanese emperor has never been tried as a war criminal. This was all influenced by the decision of the U.S. Government....

One week after Japan surrendered to Allied Forces, Lieutenant Colonel Sanders arrived in Japan. He was among the first batch of Americans sent there. His mission was to imminently uncover the Japanese bacteriological warfare organization and to locate its commander General Ishii. During the next three months, he interrogated many Japanese military leaders and scientists from Unit 731, but he could not find Ishii. From his first days in Japan, Lt. Sanders was intentionally misguided by the assigned interpreter Naito. To hasten the task of obtaining the Unit 731 research material, Sanders suggested to General McArthur that, "I make a promise to Naito to not prosecute any person as a war criminal who participated in germ warfare." This suggestion received approval from General McArthur.

Under the influence of General McArthur, Joseph Keenan, the Chief Prosecutor of Tokyo Military Tribunal, suppressed Russia's motion to prosecute the Japanese war criminals of germ warfare. Major General Charles Willoughby, Head of the In-

telligence Department of the Allied Forces Headquarter under General McArthur, controlled all of Unit 731 personnel's contacts with the outside world in order to prevent

the leak of the bacteriological warfare information to the Russians...When Murray Sanders recalled the past, he said that it was a mistake for the criminal Japanese to have been pardoned.⁷

These paragraphs outline the conspiracy. The following outlines the evil of one country and the absolutely reprehensible actions of another. Japan was guilty of a great evil, but what charge do we lay at the feet of the US government? It now decries Arab governments who kill their own people. Yet, when America had the chance to give justice to its own service personnel who had been murdered, they backed down. Information on biological weapons was more important than justice:

On May 5, 1945, an American B-29 bomber was flying with a dozen other aircraft after bombing Tachiaral Air Base in southwestern Japan and beginning the return flight to the island fortress of Guam...Kinzou Kasuya, a 19-year-old Japanese pilot flying one of the Japanese fighters in pursuit of the Americans, rammed his aircraft into the fuselage of the B-29, destroying both planes...

B-29 crews were despised for the grim results of their raids. So some of the captives were beaten. The local authorities assumed that the most knowledgeable was the captain, Marvin Watkins. He was sent to Tokyo for interrogation, where he was tortured but nonetheless survived the

⁷ <http://www.sjwar.org/>. The following acknowledgment was appended to part of this commentary: Information adopted from NBC Dateline "Factory of Death: Unit 731", August 15, 1995.

war. Every available account asserts that a military physician and a colonel in a local regiment were the two key figures in what happened next. What happened cannot be easily explained. Perhaps caring for the Americans was an impossible burden, especially because some were injured. Perhaps food was scarce. Whatever the reason, *the colonel and doctor decided to make the prisoners available for medical experiments*, and Kyushu University became a willing participant. Teddy Ponczka was the first to be handed over to the doctors and their assistants. He had already been stabbed, in either his right shoulder or his chest. According to Tono, the American assumed he was about to be treated for the wound when he was taken to an operating room. But the incision went far deeper. A doctor wanted to test surgery's effects on the respiratory system, so one lung was removed. The wound was stitched closed. How Teddy Ponczka died is in dispute. According to U.S. military records, he was anesthetized during the operation, and then the gas mask was removed from his face. A surgeon, Taro Torisu, reopened the incision and reached into Ponczka's chest. In the bland words of the military report, Torisu "stopped the heart action." Tono remembers events differently. The first experiment was followed by a second, he says. Ponczka was given intravenous injections of sea water, to

determine if sea water could be used as a substitute for sterile saline solution, used to increase blood volume in the wounded or those in shock. Tono held the bottle of sea water. He says Ponczka bled to death.⁸

Another source notes that the knowledge of this "turning a blind eye" went to those at the top:

In September 1950, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, as supreme commander for Allied Forces, reduced most of the sentences. By 1958, all those convicted were free. None of the death sentences was carried out...The American coverup was kept secret until a 1981 article in the "Bulletin of Atomic Scientists" by John W. Powell Jr., which eventually led to investigative segments on 60 Minutes and 20/20.⁹ Even today, 50 years after the Japanese death factories, United States intelligence still refuses to make public certain related information. Harris's conclusion is open-ended. The reader is invited to ponder: What does the government have to hide? If the United States claims its own BW [Biological Warfare] experiments ended in 1945, why were Persian Gulf soldiers inoculated with unproven vaccines, including anthrax, and why are 67 percent of their children born with severe illnesses or birth defects? When Factories of Death starts raising questions, they reach uncomfortably close

to home.¹⁰

Concern about the suppression of this hideous crime is expressed from many quarters and some raise the pertinent question, If the Germans, why not the Japanese?:

"All Killers of "Human Experimentation" At Large," [reads the tile]. Another colossal mistake the Tokyo Trial made was that the U.S. government and Supreme Commander MacArthur struck a deal with Lt. Gen. Ishii Shiro, former commander of Japanese biological warfare Unit 731, that he and all members of Unit 731 were to be exonerated from war crimes in exchange for data they had acquired through human experimentation of many thousands of Chinese, Koreans, Soviets, and even U.S. POWs. Without a shadow of doubt, Ishii's crimes had far exceeded those committed by the infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele for conducting human experiments, while Unit 731 had murdered the people many times the number of Jews, Gypsies, Polish, and Russians killed by the Nazi doctors!^{11, 12, 13}

In short, the American government conspired to hide a murderous crime and to pervert the course of justice. If you were to do this in a simple homicide, you could look forward to visiting time every few

8. <http://www.aiipowmia.com/731/vivisection.html>. Italics added

9. Further insight can be gleaned from: <http://www.thebulletin.org/issues/1997/jf97/jf97reviews.html>;

10. <http://www.aiipowmia.com/731/factories.html>. This article is accompanied by a reference to: *Factories of Death: Japanese Biological Warfare, 1932-45, and the American Coverup* By Sheldon H. Harris; Routledge.

11. Wu Tianwei, *The Failure of the Tokyo Trial* at http://www.centurychina.com/wiihist/japdeny/tokyo_trial.html

12. Additional information on Unit 731 may be found at the following: <http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2002/08/28/1030508070534.html> or www.theage.com.au/cgi-bin/common/popupPrintArticle.pl?path=/articles/2002/08/28/1030508070534.html; <http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2002/07/31/1027926917242.html>; **Beware! Photos at these next two sites may disturb some readers:** <http://www.sjwar.org/Pows.htm>; <http://www.sjwar.org/Unit731.htm>.

13. This for added insight: "US law to uncover Japanese war crimes: The United States has enacted a new war crimes disclosure law aimed at declassifying information on war crimes committed by the Imperial Japanese Army during and before the Second World War. President Bill Clinton has signed the bill into law after it cleared Congress last October. It's called the Japanese Imperial Army Disclosure Act and requires the government to create an interagency group to locate and identify classified records on human medical experiments and persecution committed by the Japanese Imperial Army....[I]t will help reveal the truth about what happened to allied prisoners of war as well as the many Chinese and other Asian civilians who were subjected to experiments."

weeks and a panoramic view punctuated by vertical steel bars.

So how is it that the great, and supposedly righteous, US can bury war crimes for its own gain? How does it sleep knowing that it was instrumental in the deaths of German war criminals, but freely let the Japanese, guilty of equally barbaric crimes, walk? How did the US in good conscience enter Bosnia and then arraign Slobodan Milosevic on war crimes? How do we take seriously any of the claims that the American government has put forward when in many respects it is little different from the people it accuses of terror??!?

Remember, one of the CIA's first forays was into Iran. It acted to prop a shaky Shah who was worried that President Muhammad Mosaddeq was becoming a little too powerful. The end result was that Mosaddeq was deposed in 1953. The Shah did some reforming, but he did not have peace of mind. The Mosaddeq inci-

dent haunted him and as a consequence, desperate to hold on to power, he became a dictator. This repression, combined with an ever growing knowledge that America had been playing politics behind the scenes, eventually led to the revolution in 1979 in which Khomeini took control.

Chalk one up for American intrigue and the world masterminds of the CIA. How much suffering did Khomeini inflict on the world during his reign?

Now to recent events. In the land of Afghanistan there were some black-turban wearing hoods called the "Taliban." Cheerful lads, they had supposedly reformed the land and liberated the people from all the tyrannical powers. Their freedoms included banning women from having an education. They destroyed all the opium poppies, except for those they didn't, and public executions became the days entertainment. Anyway, being the Allah fearing boys

they were they progressed righteousness by harbouring the world's most wanted terrorist. So the US led a coalition against the Taliban—the Students.

Yet the invasion forces were a little concerned that these people may have some technical weapons. Were did they come from? Yes, you guessed it. Our friends at Langley, and no doubt others, had trained and supplied these people during the war with Russia. Now the freedom fighters, backed and trained by the US, became freedom suppressors.

To reinstate freedom and to hopefully give a new and better direction to that long beleaguered country, we sent in our armed forces. Some of them died. Now, how does a country explain to the grieving families of the dead service personnel the grand plan, in an erudite fashion, when the whole debacle was brought about by the clandestine schemes of the US in the first place?

The Table containing internment statistics can be found at:
<http://www.aiipowmia.com/731/731holocaust.html>