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The Hidden Tragedy of the CIA's Experiments on Children

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Bobby is seven years old, but this is not the first time he has been subjected to electroshock. It's his third time. In all, over the next year, Bobby will experience eight electroshock sessions. Placed on the examining table, he is held down by two male attendants while the physician places a solution on his temples. Bobby struggles with the two men holding him down, but his efforts are useless. He cries out and tries to pull away. One of the attendants tries to force a thick wedge of rubber into his mouth. He turns his head sharply away and cries out, "Let me go, please. I don't want to be here. Please, let me go." Bobby's physician looks irritated and she tells him, "Come on now, Bobby, try to act like a big boy and be still and relax." Bobby turns his head away from the woman and opens his mouth for the wedge that will prevent him from biting through his tongue. He begins to cry silently, his small shoulders shaking and he stiffens his body against what he knows is coming.

Mary is only five years old. She sits on a small, straight-backed chair, moving her legs back and forth, humming the same four notes over and over and over. Her head, framed in a tangled mass of golden curls, moves up and down with each note. For the first three years of her life, Mary was thought to be a mostly normal child. Then, after she began behaving oddly, she had been handed off to a foster family. Her father and mother didn't want her any longer. She had become too strange for her father, whose alcoholism clouded any awareness of his young daughter. Mary's mother had never wanted her anyway and was happy to have her placed in another home. When the LSD Mary has been given begins to have its effects, she stops moving her head and legs and sits staring at the wall. She doesn't move at all. After about ten minutes, she looks at the nearby physician observing her, and says, "God isn't coming back today. He's too busy. He won't be back here for weeks."

From early 1940 to 1953, Dr. Laretta Bender, a highly respected child neuropsychiatrist practicing at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, experimented extensively with electroshock therapy on children who had been diagnosed with "autistic schizophrenia." In all, it has been reported that Bender administered electroconvulsive therapy to at least 100 children ranging in age from three years old to 12 years, with some reports indicating the total may be twice that number. One source reports that, inclusive of Bender's work, electroconvulsive treatment was used on more than 500 children at Bellevue Hospital from 1942 to 1956, and then at Creedmoor State Hospital Children's Service from 1956 to 1969. Bender was a confident and dogmatic

woman, who bristled at criticism, oftentimes refused to acknowledge reality even when it stood starkly before her.

Despite publicly claiming good results with electroshock treatment, privately Bender said she was seriously disappointed in the aftereffects and results shown by the subject children. Indeed, the condition of some of the children appeared to have only worsened. One six-year-old boy, after being shocked several times, went from being a shy, withdrawn child to acting increasingly aggressive and violent. Another child, a seven-year-old girl, following five electroshock sessions had become nearly catatonic.

Years later, another of Bender's young patients who became overly aggressive after about 20 treatments, now grown, was convicted in court as a "multiple murderer." Others, in adulthood, reportedly were in and of trouble and prison for a battery of petty and violent crimes. A 1954 scientific study of about 50 of Bender's young electroshock patients, conducted by two psychologists, found that nearly all were worse off after the "therapy" and that some had become suicidal after treatment. One of the children studied in 1954 was the son of well-known writer Jacqueline Susann, author of the bestselling novel "Valley of the Dolls." Susann's son, Guy, was diagnosed with autism shortly after birth and, when he was three years old, Dr. Bender convinced Susann and her husband that Guy could be successfully treated with electroshock therapy. Guy returned home from Bender's care a nearly lifeless child. Susann later told people that Bender had "destroyed" her son. Guy has been confined to institutions since his treatment.

To their credit, some of Dr. Bender's colleagues considered her use of electroshock on children "scandalous," but few colleagues spoke out against her, a situation still today common among those in the medical profession. Said Dr. Leon Eisenberg, a widely respected physician and true pioneer in the study of autistic children, "[Lauretta Bender] claimed that some of these children recovered [because of her use of shock treatment]. I once wrote a paper in which I referred to several studies by [Dr. E. R.] Clardy. He was at Rockwin State Hospital - the back up to Bellevue - and he described the arrival of these children. He considered them psychotic and perhaps worse off than before the treatment." (This writer could find no case where any of Bender's colleagues spoke out against her decidedly racist viewpoints. Bender made it quite clear that she felt that African-Americans were best characterized by their "capacity for laziness" and "ability to dance," both features, Bender claimed, of the "specific brain impulses"

of African-Americans.)

About the same time Dr. Bender was conducting her electroshock experiments, she was also widely experimenting on autistic and schizophrenic children with what she termed other "treatment endeavors." These included use of a wide array of psycho-pharmaceutical agents, several provided to her by the Sandoz Chemical Co. in Basel, Switzerland, as well as Metrazol, sub-shock insulin therapy, amphetamines and anticonvulsants. Metrazol was a trade name for pentylenetetrazol, a drug used as a circulatory and respiratory stimulant. High doses cause convulsions, as discovered in 1934 by the Hungarian-American neurologist and psychiatrist Ladislav J. Meduna.

Metrazol had been used in convulsive therapy, but was never considered to be effective, and side effects such as seizures were difficult to avoid. The medical records of several patients who were confined at Vermont State Hospital, a public mental facility, reveal that Metrazol was administered to them by CIA contractor Dr. Robert Hyde on numerous occasions in order "to address overly aggressive behavior." One of these patients, Karen Wetmore, received the drug on a number of occasions for no discernible medical reason. During the same ten-year period in which Metrazol was used by the Vermont State Hospital, patient deaths skyrocketed. In 1982, the FDA revoked its approval of Metrazol.

Here it should be noted that, during the cold war years, CIA and Army Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC) interrogators, working as part of projects Bluebird and Artichoke, sometimes injected large amounts of Metrazol into selected enemy or Communist agents for the purposes of severely frightening other suspected agents, by forcing them to observe the procedure. The almost immediate effects of Metrazol are shocking for many to witness: subjects will shake violently, twisting and turning. They typically arch, jerk and contort their bodies and grimace in pain. With Metrazol, as with electroshock, bone fractures - including broken necks and backs - and joint dislocations are not uncommon, unless strong sedatives are administered beforehand.

A November 1936 Time magazine article seriously questioned the benefits of Metrazol, citing "irreversible shock" as a "great danger." The article described a typical Metrazol injection as such: "A patient receives no food for four or five hours. Then about five cubic centimeters of the drug [Metrazol] are injected into his veins. In about half-a-minute he coughs, casts terrified glances around the room, twitches violently, utters a horse wail, freezes into rigidity with his

mouth wide open, arms and legs stiff as boards. Then he goes into convulsions. In one or two minutes the convulsions are over and he gradually passes into a coma, which lasts about an hour. After a series of shocks, his mind may be swept clean of delusions.... A patient is seldom given more than 20 injections and if no improvement is noted after ten treatments, he is usually given up as hopeless."

The Army, the CIA and Metrazol

Army CIC interrogators working with the CIA at prisoner of war camps and safe house locations in post-war Germany on occasion used Metrazol, morphine, heroin and LSD on incarcerated subjects. According to former CIC officer Miles Hunt, several "safe houses and holding areas outside of Frankfurt near Oberursel" - a former Nazi interrogation center taken over by the US - were operated by a "special unit run by Capt. Malcolm S. Hilty, Maj. Mose Hart and Capt. Herbert Sensenig. The unit was especially notorious in its applications of interrogation methods [including the use of electroshock and Metrazol, mescaline, amphetamines and other drugs]." Said Hunt: "The unit took great pride in their nicknames, the 'Rough Boys' and the 'Kraut Gauntlet,' and didn't hold back with any drug or technique ... you name it, they used it." Added Hunt, "Sensenig was really disappointed when it was found that nothing had to be used on [former Reichsmarschall] Herman Goering, who was processed through the camp. Goering needed no inducement to talk."

Eventually, CIC interrogators working in Germany would be assisted in their use of interrogation drugs by several "former" Nazi scientists recruited by the CIA and US State Department as part of Project Paperclip. By early 1952, the CIC's Rough Boys would routinely use Metrazol during interrogations, as well as LSD, mescaline and conventional electroshock units.

Metrazol-like drugs are still used in interrogations today. According to reports from several former noncommissioned Army officers, who served on rendition-related security details in Turkey, Pakistan and Romania, drugs that produce effects quite similar to Metrazol are still used in 2010 by the Pentagon and CIA on enemy combatants and rendered subjects held at the many "black sites" maintained across the globe. Observed one former officer recently, "They would twist up like a pretzel, in unbelievable shapes and jerk and shake like crazy, their eyes nearly popping out of their heads."

In 2008, at the behest of US Sens. Carl Levin, Joe Biden and Chuck Hagel and in reaction to a March 2008 article in The Washington Post, the Pentagon initiated an Inspector General Report on the use of "mind-altering substances by DoD [Department of Defense] Personnel during Interrogations of Detainees and/or Prisoners Captured during the War on Terror." It is not known if the investigation has been completed. Among the more famous recent cases of the use of drugs upon prisoners concerns one-time alleged "enemy combatant" Jose Padilla, who had originally been accused of wanting to set off a "dirty bomb." The charge was later forced, but Padilla was held in solitary confinement for many months and forced to take LSD or other powerful drugs while held in the Navy brig in Charleston, South Carolina.

The government has gone to great efforts to keep the public uninformed as regards use of drugs on prisoners. In an article by Carol Rosenberg for McClatchy News in July 2010, Rosenberg reported that, when covering the Guantanamo military commissions trials, when the question of "what psychotropic drugs were given another accused 9/11 conspirator, Ramzi bin al Shibh, the courtroom censor hits a white noise button so reporters viewing from a glass booth can't hear the names of the drugs. Under current Navy instructions for the use of human subjects in research, the undersecretary of the Navy is described as the authority in charge of research concerning "consciousness-altering drugs or mind-control techniques," while at the same time is also responsible for "inherently controversial topics" that might attract media interest or "challenge by interest groups."

Dr. Bender Discovers LSD

In 1955 and 1956, Dr. Bender began hearing glowing accounts about the potential of LSD for producing remarkable results in children suffering mental disorders, including autism and schizophrenia. Bender's earlier work with electroshock therapy had brought her into contact with several other prominent physicians who, at the time, were covert contractors with the CIA's MK/ULTRA and Artichoke projects. Primary among these physicians were Drs. Harold A. Abramson, Paul Hoch, James B. Cattell, Joel Elkes, Max Fink, Harris Isbell and Alfred Hubbard. Some of these names may be familiar to readers. Dr. Abramson, a noted allergist who surreptitiously worked for both the US Army and CIA since the late 1940s, was the physician Frank Olson was taken to see, shortly before his murder in New York City in November 1953. About a year earlier, Drs. Hoch and Cattell were responsible for injecting unwitting New York

State Psychiatric Institute patient Harold Blauer with a massive dose of mescaline that killed him. Dr. Elkes was one of the earliest physicians in Europe to experiment with LSD, having requested samples of the drug from Sandoz Chemical Co. in 1949. Elkes was a close associate of Dr. Abraham Wikler, who worked closely with Dr. Harris Isbell at the now-closed Lexington, Kentucky, prison farm, where hundreds of already drug-addicted inmates were given heroin in exchange for their participation in LSD and mescaline experiments underwritten by the CIA and Pentagon. Elkes worked closely with the CIA, Pentagon and Britain's MI6 on drug experiments in England and the United States.

Dr. Fink, who was greatly admired by Bender, is considered the godfather of electroshock therapy in the United States. In the early 1950s and beyond, Fink was a fully cleared CIA Project Artichoke consultant. In 1951, CIA officials under the direction of Paul Gaynor and Morse Allen of the agency's Security Research Service (SRS) that oversaw Artichoke, worked closely with Fink in New York City in efforts to thoroughly explore the merits of electroshock techniques for interrogations. The CIA was especially interested in the use of standard electroshock machines in producing amnesia, inducing subjects to talk and making subjects more prone to hypnotic control. According to one CIA document, Fink told officials "an individual could gradually be reduced through the use to electroshock treatment to the vegetable level."

In addition to Fink, Bender also greatly admired the work of Dr. Lothar B. Kalinowsky, a psychiatrist who also consulted closely with the CIA on electroshock matters. Kalinowsky, who was part Jewish and had fled Germany in 1933, was Fink's close friend and, like Fink, was widely recognized as an expert on electroconvulsive therapy. Kalinowsky met with the CIA's Allen and Gaynor frequently and sometimes was accompanied by Dr. Fink at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, where he worked closely with Dr. Hoch.

While it is clear from Dr. Bender's papers that she also considered the early LSD work of "Dr." Alfred M. Hubbard in Vancouver, Canada, to be "very substantial and beneficial," it is important to state here that Hubbard was not a physician nor did he have any formal medical training. Hubbard, a jovial character who sometimes worked with the FBI and CIA, was a strong proponent of the use of LSD. Despite the fact that he had no medical credentials and once served time in prison for smuggling, he hoodwinked the Sandoz Chemical Co. into supplying him such ample amounts of LSD that he dispersed so widely and abundantly that he

earned the title "The Johnny Appleseed of LSD." Hubbard's use of LSD in allegedly curing alcoholism is still cited today. How Hubbard so easily passed as a physician is unknown. Even a 1961 paper published by New York Medical College, Department of Psychiatry, and authored by Dr. A.M. Freedman, cited Hubbard's LSD work with "children, primarily delinquents" to have been 85% successful."

Other physicians whom Dr. Bender consulted about the effects of LSD on children were Drs. Ronald A. Sandison, Thomas M. Ling and John Buckman. These three worked in England at both the Chelsea Clinic in London and Potwick Hospital in Worcestershire, outside of London. Sandison is credited with having been the first person to bring LSD into England, this in 1952 after he met Albert Hofmann in Basle, Switzerland, at the Sandoz Chemical laboratories. Hofmann handed Sandison a box of around 600 ampules, each containing 100 micrograms of LSD. Back in England, Sandison shared his psychedelic bounty with associates Drs. Ling and Buckman. Before the year was out, Sandison also turned Hubbard on to LSD, guiding Hubbard through his first trip. Sandison also began a new treatment program at the Gothic-looking Potwick facility that he dubbed Psycholytic Therapy. His program's patients were mostly schizophrenics. In 1958, an LSD treatment unit was established at Potwick. Over the years, it has been reported that the CIA, MI6 and the Macy Foundation secretly helped finance the unit. Dr. Elkes helped by raising about \$75,000 for the unit's operation. For the next ten years the unit administered over 15,000 doses of LSD to about 900 patients.

Drs. Buckman and Ling worked closely with Sandison in the Potwick unit. In 1963, Buckman and Ling wrote in a publication, describing "good examples" of the use of LSD in psycholytic psychotherapy: "The patients' experiences under LSD have not supported Marx's dictum that Religion is the opium of the people but rather that there is a deep basic belief in a Supreme Being, whether the religion background be Christian, Jewish or Hindu."

Dr. Buckman also worked at London's Chelsea Clinic, often times treating adults and sometimes children. Buckman believed strongly that "frigidity" in women could be treated successfully with LSD. In 1967, he said of LSD: "Many therapists believe that a transcendental experience - a feeling that it is a good world and one is a part of it - is a curative experience in itself." According to several informed sources in the London, for years MI6, the British intelligence service and the CIA closely monitored the LSD work conducted by Sandison, Ling and

Buckman.

Two Sisters, LSD and Dr. Buckman

Marion McGill, today an attorney and college professor in the western United States and her sister, Trudy, were sent in 1960 by their parents to be interviewed by Drs. Ling and Buckman at the Chelsea Clinic in London. At the time, Marion was 13 years old and her sister was 15. Marion says that both her mother and father were "quite taken with the benefits of LSD and thought that we would also benefit from the drug." Both parents had undergone a series of ten LSD "treatments" at the Chelsea clinic. Marion goes on:

"As a 13-year old at the time, my decision-making capacity was very limited. I was, by nature, fairly compliant and docile, rather eager to please my parents. I understood nothing of what was being suggested for me and my 15 year-old sister - namely that we participate in some sort of 'research' that both our parents had also participated in. Whether the word 'experiment' was used, I don't recall. The term 'LSD' was vaguely familiar, however, because my parents were 'taking' this drug as a form of 'quick therapy' - their term for it - that had been recommended by my uncle, a psychiatrist at a well known east coast medical school. Both parents needed therapy, in my view. While highly successful professionally, my father was a tightly wound, rather angry and insecure man, an accomplished academic, but an 'industrial strength narcissist,' as I later called him. My mother was a submissive, obedient, Catholic woman without much identity of her own, other than being a doctor's wife.

"My sister and I, however, were about as 'normal' as any two teenagers could be. We were at the top of our classes in school; both of us had lots of friends, participated in extra curricular activities. We didn't need 'therapy.' We were told we would get a day off from school after each overnight stay at the clinic for this LSD. It was perhaps the prospect of a day off from Catholic girls' school that persuaded us to do it. I wasn't aware of making a 'decision.' The purpose of this program was never explained. There were to be 10 sessions - once a week for 10 weeks. I believe they started in January 1960.

"The experiences at the clinic where the LSD was administered were quite strange.

There was a brief 'interview' by Dr. John Buckman, asking banal questions about health issues (none), but providing no information about what to expect from the LSD. There was no mention, for example, of hallucinations or perceptual distortions or anything frightening. I was not informed of any persistent effects, such as nightmares. Certainly the possibility of lasting damage was not mentioned. The word 'experiment' was not used. There was, in other words, no informed consent whatsoever. I was not told that I could refuse to participate, that I could quit at any time (as provided in the Nuremberg Code). Since I was below the age of consent, my parents would have been the ones to agree to this. Indeed, they were the ones to suggest that we be used in these experiments. It would not otherwise have happened. But my parents would never discuss this in later years and never explained why they did it.

"During the 10 sessions, each of which involved an injection, my sister and I were kept in separate bedrooms, darkened rooms, usually with someone present in the room, but I don't know who the person was. Occasionally, my mother was also present. At times, I was so frightened by the hallucinations that I screamed and tried to escape from the room. I remember once actually reaching the hallway and being forcibly put back into the bedroom by my mother. I saw a wild array of images - nightmarish visions, occasionally provoking hysterical laughter, followed immediately by wracking sobs. I had no idea what was happening to me. It was terrifying.

"There was no effort to counsel us during or after each of these sessions. There was no 'debriefing,' no explanation of what was happening or why this was being done to us. Why I did not refuse to participate after I first experienced it, I don't know. But as an adult and later as a professional medical ethicist, I recognized this lack of resistance as a function of childhood itself. Most children who are victims of parental abuse do not know how to resist. They fear rejection by parents more than they fear the abuse, it seems. The 'power differential' is huge between parents and children and the dependence on parents is virtually absolute. We were also, living in London at the time, away from our friends. My sister and I had been told not to talk about what we were doing. We were Catholics, obedient to parents, etc. Our father was a

doctor, after all - it was hard to grasp that he would do harm to us or that our mother would. Children just don't think this way initially. A child's dependency usually means trusting one's parents or caregivers.

"Although each individual session was often terrifying, any lasting effects of the LSD unfolded gradually. In the weeks immediately following the final session, I experienced frequent nightmares - visions of crawling insects, horrible masks, etc. I couldn't sleep. I was afraid to shut my eyes. I became afraid of the dark. My parents were dismissive and unsympathetic. Their attitude was, in some ways, more disturbing to me than the experiments themselves because it meant that my parents had known full well that the experience would very likely be frightening - and hadn't cared.

"I discovered that my parents were dishonest and unfeeling in ways that I could not comprehend. They told my sister and me never to talk about the LSD experiences, never to disclose what had happened in London. This further ruptured our relationship with them, a relationship that was, by then, permanently damaged. I was still dependent on them, however and so was my sister.

"Two years after these experiments, during her freshman year in college, my sister suffered a nervous breakdown. I don't know the extent to which the LSD may have precipitated this. But my parents' response to what was probably a mild breakdown from which my sister could have recovered, was coercive and drastic. She had been asking questions about the LSD at this time. She was angry about it. We both were. We talked about it together, but I was afraid to confront our parents. My sister was not. The angrier she became, the more she was 'diagnosed' as a 'psychiatric' case and the more medication she was given. To this day, my sister is heavily medicated. She never fully recovered from that first episode.

"Our parents responded to my sister's anger in a way that frightened me further. I also felt tremendous guilt for not being able to prevent the horrors that my sister endured. Once she was 'classified' as a psychiatric patient, she was lost. Everything that was done to her in the name of 'treatment' seemed to me to be a form of ongoing abuse and torture.

"The fact that our father was a prominent, internationally known and widely respected physician - and his brother, who had introduced us to this LSD horror, was a prominent, internationally known and widely respected psychiatrist - made it impossible to expose them or go against them. Their reputations were more important to them than the health and well being of my sister.

"My own response was simply to leave home. I never trusted my parents again after the London LSD experience. I discovered many other ways in which my father and my uncle lied, covered up, dissembled and eventually threatened me, in order to keep this story from being told.

"On a positive note, the experience informed my career choices in both human rights and medical ethics, but it also made me alert to the ways in which academic medicine was - and is - corrupted by the drug industry itself and by the continuing abuse of human subjects to further the development of drugs as weapons - both for interrogation potential and also, more subtle behavior control on a massive scale. My own experience also sensitized me to the special vulnerability of children and teenagers in the medical environment.

"Even when I subsequently confronted my father with the evidence that LSD had been tested by the CIA for use as a military weapon in the 1950s and 1960s, he dismissed his participation by saying that it was an 'enlightening experience, like visiting an art gallery.' When I pointed out that this was not my experience as a child, he dismissed it, including the presumption that I must be a 'conspiracy theorist' to propose such a thing. At the age of 91, he finally admitted that it had perhaps not been a very good idea to subject my sister and me to LSD.

"Dr. Buckman and Ling were knowing participants in ongoing intelligence-based work with mind altering drugs. I 'met' Buckman in London when I was 13, but encountered him again years later at the university medical school in the United States where he was on the faculty.

"I went to see Dr. Buckman in his office. I asked him what he thought about the ethics of using children in an LSD experiment. At first, he didn't seem to realize

who I was. I identified myself as one of his 'subjects' and gave him my business card as a Medical Ethicist and lawyer. He was clearly shocked, stood up, refused to talk to me and told me to leave his office. Shortly thereafter, I received a phone call from my father. His brother, the psychiatrist and colleague of Dr. Buckman, had been alerted to my impromptu visit. Subsequently, both my uncle and my father threatened me, saying they would make sure I lost my university faculty position if I disclosed anything publicly about the LSD experiments in London.

"You will never work in bioethics again,' they said.

"The response of all these men to the threat of disclosure indicates their lack of ethical scruples, their lack of empathy, their own pathology. I don't know what the exact term would be, but I suspect there is a form of psychological 'doubling' at work - the sort of thing that was described in [Robert Jay] Lifton's book, *The Nazi Doctors* who were able to ignore their Hippocratic oath to 'first, do no harm,' and to inflict unimaginable horrors on their fellow human beings.

"The loss of my sister has been a life long source of sorrow for me. I attribute it to the LSD and its cover up, whether the chemicals themselves 'caused' her disintegration or not. In law this is called a 'contributing cause.' I learned that people cover up the most awful things, not just within a family but within communities, within universities, within 'polite society.' There is probably no absolute barrier that will prevent these things from being done, but they have to be exposed and called out for what they are, whenever they occur."

Dr. Bender's LSD Experiments on Children

Shortly after deciding to initiate her own LSD experiments on children, Bender attended a conference sponsored by a CIA front group, the Josiah Macy Foundation. The conference focused on LSD research and featured Dr. Harold A. Abramson as a presenter. In 1960, Abramson conducted his own LSD experiments on a group of six children ranging in age from five to 14 years of age. A few short months after the Macy Foundation conference, Dr. Bender was notified that her planned LSD experiments would be partially and surreptitiously funded by the Society for the Investigation of Human Ecology (SIHE), another CIA front group then

located in Forest Hills, New York. The Society, headed by James L. Monroe, a former US Air Force officer who had worked on top-secret psychological warfare and propaganda projects, oversaw about 55 top-secret experiments underwritten by the CIA. These projects involved LSD, ESP, black magic, astrology, psychological warfare, media manipulation, and other subjects. Apparently, Bender's work with children and LSD raised some concerns at the CIA's Technical Services Division (TSD). A 1961 TSD memo written to Monroe questioned the "operational benefits of Dr. Bender's work as related to children and LSD," and requested to be kept "closely appraised of the possible links between Dr. Bender's project and those being conducted under separate MK/ULTRA funding at designated prisons in New York and elsewhere."

In 1960, Dr. Bender launched her first experiments with LSD and children. They were conducted within the Children's Unit, Creedmoor State Hospital in Queens, New York. The LSD she used was supplied by Dr. Rudolph P. Bircher of the Sandoz Pharmaceutical Company. (Dr. Bircher also provided Bender with UML-491, also a Sandoz-produced product, very much like LSD but sometimes "dreamier" in effect and longer lasting.) Her initial group of young subjects consisted of 14 children diagnosed schizophrenic, all under the age of 11. (Because diagnostic criteria for schizophrenia, autism, and other disorders have changed over the decades, one cannot assess what actual conditions these children really had.) There were 11 boys and three girls, ranging in age from six to ten years old.

Jean Marie is almost seven years old. She came here nearly a year ago after her parents abandoned her to the care of an aunt who had no interest in raising her. Marie, who prefers to be called Jean, is shy, withdrawn, and distrustful of most adults she encounters. There are reports she may have been sexually molested by her uncle ... Despite her withdrawn nature she smiles easily, and enjoys the company of other children. After receiving LSD on three occasions earlier this month, Marie ceased smiling at all and lost any interest in others her age ... In the past week, she seems to have become easily agitated and has lost any interest in reading, something she seemed to very much enjoy before treatment.

In a published report on her 196 LSD experiments with 14 "autistic schizophrenic" children, Bender states she initially gave each of the children 25 mcg. of LSD "intramuscularly while under continuous observation." She writes: "The two oldest boys, over ten years, near or in early puberty, reacted with disturbed anxious behavior. The oldest and most disturbed received

Amytal sodium 150 mg. intramuscularly and returned to his usual behavior." Both boys were then excluded from the experiment.

The 12 remaining children were then given injections of 25 mcg. of LSD and then days later were each given 100 mcg. of LSD once a week. Bender's report states: "Then it was increased gradually to twice and three times a week as no untoward side-effects were noticed.... Finally, it was given daily and this continued for six weeks until the time of this report."

Bender's findings and conclusions concerning her LSD experiments indicated she found the use of the drug promising. Bender reported: "In general, they [the children] were happier; their mood was 'high' in the hours following the ingestion of the drug ... they have become more spontaneously playful with balls and balloons ... their color is rosy rather than blue or pale and they have gained weight." Bender concluded: "The use of these drugs [LSD, UML-401, UML-491] ... will give us more knowledge about both the basic schizophrenic process and the defensive autism in children and also about the reaction of these dilysergic acid derivatives as central and autonomic nervous system stimulants and serotonin antagonists. Hopefully these drugs will also contribute to our efforts to find better therapeutic agents for early childhood schizophrenia."

In an [article](#) published in 1970, Dr. Bender reported on the results of LSD dosing upon "two adolescent boys who were mildly schizophrenic." She reported that the boys experienced perceptual distortions. They thought the researchers were making faces at them, that their pencils were becoming "rubbery," and one boy reported the other boy's face had turned green. The boys began to complain that they were being experimented upon. Even so, Bender and her associate continued the two male adolescents on a regimen of 150 mcg. per day, in divided doses, of LSD. While one of the boys supposedly "benefited very much," Bender reported that he later returned to the hospital as "a disturbed adult schizophrenic." The other boy kept complaining that he was being experimented upon and they stopped giving him LSD, not because of the drug's effects itself, Bender explained, but "because of the boy's attitude towards it," which she attributed to "his own psychopathology."

Dr. Bender's LSD experiments continued into the late 1960s and, during that time, continued to include multiple experiments on children with UML-401, a little known LSD-type drug provided to her by the Sandoz Company, as well as UML-491, also a Sandoz product. Bender's

reports on her LSD experiments give no indication of whether the parents or legal guardians of the subject children were aware of, or consented to, the experiments. Without doubt, parents or guardians were never informed that the CIA underwrote Bender's work. Over the years, there have been multiple reports that many of Bender's subject children were either "wards of the State" or orphans, but the available literature on the experiments reveals nothing on this. The same literature makes it obvious that the children had been confined to the Creedmoor State Hospital for long periods of time and that many, if discharged, needed "suitable homes or placements in the community." There is also no evidence that any follow-up studies were conducted on any of the children experimented upon by Dr. Bender. Today, Dr. Bender is best known and highly regarded in some circles as the creator of the Bender-Gestalt Test, which measures motor skills in children.

On Bender's use of LSD on children, Dr. Leon Eisenberg said years later: "She did all sorts of things. Laretta Bender reached success in her career long before randomized controlled trials had even been heard of. She didn't see the need for trials of drugs because she was convinced she knew what worked." (See: "A History of Autism: Conversations with the Pioneers" by Adam Feinstein, Wiley-Blanchard, 2010.) Many other physicians speaking privately were far less diplomatic in condemning Bender's LSD work, but, still today, many are reluctant to criticize her, and, remarkably, many of the aging stalwarts of the arguable "virtues" and "potential" of LSD continue to cite her work with children as groundbreaking science.

Today, nearly 60 years beyond the horrors of Dr. Bender's CIA-sponsored experiments on children, few people are aware that they were conducted. For most people, regardless of their awareness of the experiments, it is difficult to fathom how intelligent, highly educated physicians and scientists could partake in such brutal, uncaring, unethical and illegal experiments on children. What was the basis of their motivation? Was it the quest for some sort of elusive medical grail? Was it for economic gain? Or was it simply the result of a misguided search for knowledge that appeared so infinitely important that any sense of compassion and respect for human rights and dignity was cast aside in the name of a higher goal or good - a search at times so exhilarating with the sense that one is at the precipice of a momentous discovery that any semblance of respect for humankind was thrown aside?

One can easily come to any and all these conclusions simply by reading the professional papers of such scientists and researchers. Not once do any of these papers express concern for the

subjects at hand or denote any pangs of conscience at violating any oaths, codes and statutes regarding patient rights, human rights or human dignity. That America's most shameful period of human experimentation, the years 1950 through to about 1979, came on the heels of the making and adoption of the Nuremberg Codes only adds to the shame and hypocrisy. Today, human experimentation is still aggressively conducted by US government-sponsored and employed physicians and scientists regardless of those codes, which came directly out of the shocking madness of the Nazi era. That government-sponsored experimentation still occurs makes a mockery of any governmental efforts, however valid, to protect people from science run amok - and a nation that uses its young, its children, for such pursuits is a nation whose commitment to human rights and democratic principles should be seriously questioned and challenged.

(The names Marion McGill and that of her sister Trudy, are pseudonyms. Marion is a highly respected attorney and college professor, who asked that her real name not be used in this article. All other names in this article are real.)



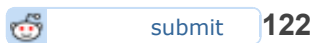
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This is a long list of

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 17:14 — Anonymous (not verified)

This is a long list of horrors. There happens to be legitimate research going on for the benefits of some of these drugs.

Rather than a long lengthy rant - Allow me to explain: there is a world of difference between using mescaline in a caring, controlled environment as opposed to forcing *against their will*, someone to take it in experimental amounts in the concrete bowels of an interrogation center of a secret prison. So, in other words, a hammer can be a very useful tool, unless you are smashing fingers with it.

I wonder if Dr. Bender could

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 17:22 — Anonymous (not verified)

I wonder if Dr. Bender could be electro-shocked out of her stupidity and cruelty.

I say, we need to do an experiment!

The Nazis did experiments

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 17:34 — radline9 (not verified)

The Nazis did experiments like this also. We don't have to imagine what hell would be like, we see the likes of it here on earth all the time.

THE LIKES OF DR. BENDER NEED

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 17:54 — Anonymous (not verified)

THE LIKES OF DR. BENDER NEED TO BE EXPOSED FOR THEIR CRUEL AND INHUMANE EXPERIMENTS ON INNOCENT CHILDREN PEOPLE AND PROBABLY ANIMALS. SADLY, THE HOLOCAUST CONTINUES. . .

This is but another example

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 19:21 — Anonymous (not verified)

This is but another example of hoplessly confused left wing nonsense.

1. electroshock had been used and was thought to be helpful...my brother had lots of it done to him. It seemed not have been of much help but it had nothing to do with the CIA.
2. electroshock, like LSD, is making a comeback, as is thoroazine, and now, modified and done properly, seems to be beneficial for a number of things.
3. some drugs--lsd included--and ecstasy being now used for PTSD with good results.

In sum: separate out what the CIA on the sly has been up to and what legitimate medical people have been doing. Do not lump all of this together. It is just plain stupid to do so, though the left loves to point out in

big generalities how all, everything, is a CIA trick. Alas, the Left is so goody goody that anything at all done perhaps with good intent, strikes them as sneaky and evil. There is in fact evil out there and it is not all innocent stuff.

Now read some decent stuff and see if you can put together a more coherent essay.

I suggest the writer above

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 19:42 — Anonymous (not verified)

I suggest the writer above first try all of these drugs on his or her children first before he or she attempts to lecture anyone about unwitting human experimentation. Amazing there are so many idiots in this country. However, sorry to hear about your brother... does not his experience validate most of what is written above?

SSRI's are a low grade,

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 20:47 — Anonymous (not verified)

SSRI's are a low grade, extended release LSD...Ritalin is a low grade extended release cocaine...need I say more?

This information is very

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 20:54 — Anonymous (not verified)

This information is very shocking. Children are so vulnerable and, nobody, less doctors, should engage children, especially children, in experimental treatments of uncertain results. Much less vulnerable children. There is definitively an ethical problem here. To experiment with human beings is a very delicate matter. It is easy to cross the threshold of professional honesty and ethical standards. I assume and hope that today there are stronger guidelines to prevent those practices.

Of course ECT preceded the

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 21:38 — Anonymous (not verified)

Of course ECT preceded the CIA, as did psychotropic drugs, mediaeval tortures etc --- it's not like we're dealing with great scientific innovators here. The CIA systematised when, where, how, why to deploy which kinds of torture and destructive attacks on human personality -- practically blameless!

Puhleeze!

All these fascist scum that did the CIA's dirty work need to be roused, called to account for their crimes and sentenced accordingly. This must be done with despatch, taking care to distinguish those who actually did not know from those who had a pretty good idea but zipped their lip shut. Then go through the so-called scientific literature that these people published and place little swastikas beside their names so the world may know the nature of their "scientific contribution to human progress." By the way in the State of ISrael in the 1950s they had the same sort of little Mengeles doing this stuff to non-white, i.e., Arab, "Jewish" children. In my opinion this is the one useful purpose for restoring firing squads. Of course, first, there's the little matter of establishing a People's Power that can put these matters on its agenda...

That some of the commenters

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 21:39 — Petro (not verified)

That some of the commenters here can be so cavalier about these deeply affective and abusive intrusions on the human psyche pretty much clears up just how easily we slip into evil...

I'm not sure why anyone

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 21:42 — Texas Aggie (not verified)

I'm not sure why anyone would be a bit surprised at her work. Bender was only behaving in the long tradition of psychological "research" that continues to this day. It wasn't until just recently that the APA even stopped defending the use of psychologists to destroy prisoners at Guantanamo in their efforts to gain false confessions. The involved psychologists are still doing the same thing and are not faced with even a reprimand let alone jail time.

No, folks. Bender represents the mainstream psychological community.

You have succumbed to the

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 21:53 — Anonymous (not verified)

You have succumbed to the psychopathology of the sadistic authoritarian. This makes you a classic Republican: the hopelessly confused right winger.

Some old drugs ARE being used again, but this time with with INFORMED CONSENT and under CONTROLLED CONDITIONS. Not the amateur torturer's apprentice conditions described in the article.

You think this is a political issue. It is not. No Republican would volunteer for such torment. They are only too happy to send others into such hell.

Is that the "do unto others" Christian ethic your party likes to crow about?

You think CIA-funded experiments on children that were later used to torture prisoners (some fatally) are morally acceptable? How pathologically typical.

It's a good thing you don't have children. You shouldn't be in charge of anything with a nervous system more complex than a brine shrimp's.

I would like to see a study

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 22:14 — Anonymous (not verified)

I would like to see a study done regarding the percentage of doctors who could be diagnosed as sociopaths. Similar studies have shown that a high percentage of CEOs who run multinational corporations are sociopaths and I would not be surprised to find that many physicians are, as well. The events described in this article expose a serious lack of empathy for other human beings by powerful, well-funded individuals associated with our government and our military. Indeed, this type of disorder is necessary for for the types of criminal behavior exhibited by our bloated, over-funded military and our plutocratic government -- both of which need doctors as well as big corporations -- to keep going strong.

Thank you. I would add that

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 22:18 — elizabeth (not verified)

Thank you. I would add that these people were just a few of the many participating as CIA contractors out of Johns Hopkins, Georgetown University Hospital, and other prestigious institutions - always under the radar, of course, which is pretty convenient when you have a mission to be secret and a black budget. For those commenters who find it difficult to believe even after reading such a thoroughly supported article, just consider this was the tip of the iceberg. As for motive, it was ultimately about power and control. How much can the mind be manipulated for the "good" of mankind? How much can the brain and brain development be manipulated? (As was stated, the origins of these programs were in Nazi Germany and brought here thanks to a program called PROJECT PAPERCLIP.) I spent second half of the sixties, from age six to age 10 in a drug-induced daze or throwing up because of the effects of the drugs. My Naval Intelligence father - who had been led to believe I was in a "gifted child" program and was kept in the dark about what was being done - finally made the connection when he had to rush me to the hospital. He pulled me out of the program immediately, and was burned for his trouble and blacklisted for the rest of his life. (I actually had to be sent across the country to a safehouse; it might sound like a movie but I can assure you it was very very real and horrifying.) Our family has waited decades for more of this information to become public, hoping it was only a matter of time. There are good people working in the CIA with genuinely good intentions, but the CIA as an institution is an agent of absolute evil. It only takes one glance at the horror that is Blackwater (and there is a connection, but I won't go into it here) to understand this.

Ms. Bender, Are you a woman?

Wed, 08/11/2010 - 22:58 — safe (not verified)

Ms. Bender,

Are you a woman? Are you a mother? Have you no instinct to protect children? Do you feel remorse for your despicable participation in these unforgivable acts towards children? The key word is UNFORGIVABLE! I hope that remorse is your dying emotion. I hope remorse follows you where you go. I hope remorse chokes you. I hope remorse burns a hole in your cold, empty heart. You should pay for your ignorance and lack of simple human compassion. You are a walking sin and have no purpose on this planet. You cannot hide behind your 'bosses' skirt. You are the one who will suffer until the day you pass from this earth. Take your legacy of pain and broken childhood, Ms. Bender. Gather your co-conspirators and with them, go to eternal hell.

Is there any doubt

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 00:09 — Anonymous (not verified)

Is there any doubt whatsoever that Nazis are safe in America?

I'm outraged and deeply

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 00:27 — Mary E. Bagi (not verified)

I'm outraged and deeply disturbed since I received LSD treatment in NM as a young adolescent. While I've counted myself moderately fortunate to have come out, in my amateur opinion, "ok," this makes me think perhaps such treatment was part of a larger scheme. Although I've had my doubts about the effectiveness of receiving LSD therapy, after reading this I will never be able to look on that past experience as benignly as I

had to this point.

I am no fan of the CIA or

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 01:11 — Jethro Loftus (not verified)

I am no fan of the CIA or the use of medical experimentation on unwilling or compelled subjects. I am certain quite a lot of this occurred. I have read quite a few accounts that are properly documented, that I do believe, as well as the accounts of the Nazi experiments (which if you will bother to read the transcripts of the "Doctors Trial" at Nuremberg were far worse than this). My problem is the utter lack of citations to the sources of this knowledge.

Texas Aggie wrote: "It

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 02:10 — Jeff Kaye (not verified)

Texas Aggie wrote: "It wasn't until just recently that the APA even stopped defending the use of psychologists to destroy prisoners at Guantanamo in their efforts to gain false confessions."

Actually, the APA has 1) never called for the closure of Guantanamo; 2) supports the use of psychologists in BSCTs at Guantanamo and elsewhere; 3) has never spoken out against the use of psychologists to monitor abuse Army Field Manual Appendix M interrogations, which include use of isolation, sleep deprivation, sensory deprivation, use of fear, and debility; 4) while the APA is formally against the use of torture, they have yet to implement the member-passed referendum that would have pulled psychologists from Guantanamo and other like sites.

Just for the record.

21:38 seems to be advocating

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 02:11 — Anonymous (not verified)

21:38 seems to be advocating a revolution that will restore democracy and bring sick people like this woman to justice before firing squads. I second that motion.

My paternal grandfather

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 02:33 — Miriam (not verified)

My paternal grandfather received (or rather, was forced to have) electroshock therapy after WW2. He served in SE Asia during the war and in Japan as part of the occupation forces after the war. He couldn't get over it and had profound depression for the rest of his life. I think the theory was that they could somehow make him lose his memories entirely. Of course, it just turned him into a shaking mess. The awful truth is that we are ruled by a bunch of psychopathic criminals and we can believe nothing - nothing- from them. They create these horrible wars to steal from and kill millions of people and then try to make us feel as though there is something wrong with *us* if we can't accept it. The only way we can really fight them back is through complete demographic collapse and I believe that has occurred. Eventually it will be just them and their ill-gained profits whilst everyone else makes the quiet decision to give up. They are spitting at the mouth that they cannot force us to breed.

[the article is worthy, yet](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 02:41 — Anonymous (not verified)

the article is worthy, yet slightly contradicts itself with the usual association to Nazi origins of this practice. the dates do not match up and the Bedlam like horrors are only continuous from earlier periods dating back centuries. The added aspects of modern chemistry and technology that go back to at least the late nineteenth century and mind control trauma based conditioning (inquisition) are well practiced and only accentuated by the drugs and the electro shock. Surprised the author did not mention camarillo in Calif or UCLA and nefarious history between those institutions. We are dealing with time honored practices, especially against children (Dickens) and dumping the "MK Ultra" mess on Paper Clip or Germany is simplification, yet the author cannot seem to help it, despite the timeline given in the article. Meth Amphetamine (synthesized in Germany in 1880;s) and similar substances in pursuit of war has been with us since the beginning of the twentieth century (alcohol for millennia), for various purposes, including mass drugging of troops (also morphine). Today's "war on terror" in middle east is truly a "War on Drugs". Generations of leadership have been juiced on coke, amphetamines, and alcohol throughout the twentieth century (Roosevelt, Churchill, Hitler, Stalin and most of their general staffs, Kennedy) and study of this could lead to interesting conclusions regarding the insanities of WWI and II, not to mention the UN war on Korea and the French, Australian (British) American alliance war against Viet Nam that flowed out of those earlier conflicts. .

[I am not surprised by any of](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 02:55 — Joseph Zach (not verified)

I am not surprised by any of the article. I happen to be a long term completely non-progressing person with the HIV/AIDS virus in me.

I got it from intravenous drug abuse. That said, the Veteran's Hospital in Northport, Long Island, NY, "followed" me for over 20 years.

I never saw a spelled out Informed Consent Form ever. I won't go into the shit that was done to me, but I WILL say that I was threatened, cajoled, coaxed, brow beaten, etcetera; into taking a large number of crazy-people drugs as well as neurological drugs. This made me "compliant" to the demands of the "Medical Science Researchers". I am now of of all of that poison with no ill effect.

I've searched for a lawyer, some lawyer, ANY lawyer for a long time to see what I could do about this. No luck. Those lawyers who confirmed what happened backed off very scared very quickly.

This stuff continues unabated.

my email is vze3ycx6@optonline.net for "verification purposes. ha ha ha

Any one who wants to, can contact one David Tompkins MD, at Stony Brook Hospital, Stony Brook University, in Stony Brook NY. He is the Chief of the Infectious Disease Department at the Hospital and the chief at the University as well.

Should anyone actually HAVE the temerity to do this, send him my regards. Joseph Zach. THE long term, non-progressing HIV/AIDS "patient".

I could go on, but I ***KNOW*** that this sort of unethical, improper and criminal "medical science

research" continues unabated both here and now.

I barely survived my "inter-actions" with those most "interesting" gentlemen.

JZ

Southampton, NY

11 August 2010

PS:

and yeah, I do privately refer to those individuals as "Wannabe Dr Mengeles" . ha ha ha

Because they were, and still are.

[Anyone notice the](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 03:02 — campcookie (not verified)

Anyone notice the ostentatious use of propaganda rhetoric in this article? Now I'm not fan of human experimentation let alone experimentation on children, but that's not my point. This article uses so much empty persuasive techniques that it makes me weep for the left! We have to be better than this.

[ELCIADA,the biggest](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 03:46 — Mihail (not verified)

ELCIADA,the biggest terrorist organization in the world,let's not forget MOSSAD,THE JEWS ARE THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN ON EARTH(REV 2:9,,3:9).

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[In the G.I.Joe cartoon](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 04:05 — Raymond (not verified)

In the G.I Joe cartoon series there was a Nazi scientist who was called DR. "Mind" Bender....interesting.

[To clarify, Dr. Leo Kanner](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 04:24 — Pat (not verified)

To clarify, Dr. Leo Kanner first named the syndrome "autism" in 1943. For many years, it was thought that autistic children would eventually become scyzophrenic adults which never happened. The Eugenics Movement had a profound impact on the attitudes and treatment of children and adults as well as poor families who were deemed inferior. It spawned the creation of institutions that were, more often than not, hell holes. A family with a disabled child was told to institutionalize and get on with their lives. Many religious people believed that a developmentally disabled child was a curse from God. In some communities such families were shunned. That is my personal experience as the mother of an autistic son now 36 years old. His brothers suffered too. My youngest with a 132 IQ was bullied and called a retard. My eldest, who had a learning disability and now holds a masters degree, was tormented too. So it hasn't been that long. The neo-nazis and KKK teach the same thing to this day. What is most disturbing to me is the marketing of

powerful drugs to our developmentally disabled population. There are two drugs my son is being given right now that I don't want him to have. I think they may be doing him harm. But as I am not able to physically manage him, I cannot stop it. I did stop one with great difficulty that was making him violent. I suspect that there is still residual effect from that. Realize that it costs thousands of dollars per person of taxpayer money every year to drug millions of our developmentally disabled with psychotropics and mind-altering drugs. The pharmaceutical companies and the doctors who prescribe are making out like bandits.

[Mihail, Al Qaeda was an](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 04:24 — Miriam (not verified)

Mihail, Al Qaeda was an invention of the CIA. They employed OBL in the 80s (at least). Mossad are definitely not always nice guys but *all* the intelligence agencies are like this. They serve the interests of those who would like to keep us in a permanent state of fear and obedience through perpetual war. Religion does not come into it, look up 'ordo ab chao'. There are many, many good and righteous Jews. Unfortunately, most of them got wiped out in WW2 with some pretty in depth collaboration of those who blew the loudest horns about it afterwards.

[While the CIA's history of](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 08:11 — Elizabeth (not verified)

While the CIA's history of experimenting on children and others using LSD, ECT and other horrors is mind-boggling, it pales in comparison to the current widespread drugging of our population on psychiatric medications. Robert Whitaker's "Anatomy of an Epidemic" was released earlier this year, and has gotten remarkably little media attention despite its careful research into the fact that psychiatric drugs from Xanax to SSRIs, from atypical anti-psychotics to Ritalin, are turning episodic events into chronic mental illnesses because all these drugs have iatrogenic effects--that is, they commonly create conditions worse than those they are meant to cure. It tells us things about psychiatry that we definitely don't want to know, and here Whitaker gives one small slice of it, from an interview of Whitaker by Bruce E. Levine in Counterpunch. <http://www.counterpunch.org/levine04282010.html>

Whitaker: "When you research the rise of juvenile bipolar illness in this country, you see that it appears in lockstep with the prescribing of stimulants for ADHD and antidepressants for depression. Prior to the use of those medications, you find that researchers reported that manic-depressive illness, which is what bipolar illness was called at the time, virtually never occurred in prepubertal children. But once psychiatrists started putting "hyperactive" children on Ritalin, they started to see prepubertal children with manic symptoms. Same thing happened when psychiatrists started prescribing antidepressants to children and teenagers. A significant percentage had manic or hypomanic reactions to the antidepressants. Thus, we see these two iatrogenic pathways to a juvenile bipolar diagnosis documented in the medical literature. And then what happens to the children and teenagers who end up with this diagnosis? They are now put on heavier-duty drugs and often on a drug cocktail, and you find that they do poorly on that treatment. You find that a high percentage end up "rapid cyclers," which means they have severe "bipolar" symptoms, and that they can now be expected to be chronically ill throughout their lives. We also know that the atypical antipsychotics [such as Risperdal and Zyprexa] prescribed to bipolar children cause a host of physical problems, and there is pretty good evidence that they cause cognitive decline over the long term. When you add up all this information, you end up documenting a story of how the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in the United States have been destroyed in this way. In fact, I think that the number of children and teenagers that have ended up "bipolar" after being treated with a stimulant or an antidepressant is now well over one million. This is a story of harm done on an unimaginable scale."

<http://www.counterpunch.org/levine04282010.html>

Creepy CIA agents of the past are one thing; the fact that we are currently consigning millions of children and adults to lives of disability, brain damage, and living hells is a bit more terrifying. If you know anyone taking or considering taking psychiatric drugs, read this book and pass it on. It shows a much darker picture of the problem than we've seen before.

[It still goes on today in](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 10:40 — Anonymous (not verified)

It still goes on today in the psychiatry community..they experiment on old people in nursing homes, they tell parents at office visits that if they were 'a good parent' they'd try this or that...there's never any good data to back it up because we are all experimented on. It's the only way they have to see how the new drugs work. Until the public, as a whole, start to question these procedures..nothing will change. I've worked in nursing homes..dr.s orders are followed by nurses no matter even if the patient gets worse...usually they're only concern is to calm that old person down. And the kids of these old people are just glad to get rid of them...they act like they're being good people by following the dr.s instruction..but in reality they're evil grown up punks...putting their elderly into the care of grand experimenters. Probably all republican christians no doubt. I'm ashamed to know that Bender was female...was she German?

[Why is Antisemitic shit like](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 11:08 — Anonymous (not verified)

Why is Antisemitic shit like this allowed on an ostensibly moderated leftist listserve?

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[This use of ECT is not](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 11:37 — Portia (not verified)

This use of ECT is not limited to CIA but was also considered the best treatment for an abused child in ireland in 1995- not so long ago then.

Of course, no one would ever know due to secret courts involved, which leads me to ask, "how many countries are using this barbaric practice on children without the knowledge of the parents or the public.?"

Children in corporate state care have always been used in various experiments, yet the corporate carers cite it being in the child's best interest.

<http://www.paddydoyle.com/>

That is ironic because Hitler used the phrase "best interests of the child" as children were gassed and used

in experiments too.

This barbaric practice and torture go way back to the times of Patriarchal take over and especially the Holy Roman Empire and its conversion of peoples to their god.

Not for the feint hearted, but it is our history.

<http://www.jesusneverexisted.com/murderers.htm>

Padilla is a perfect example

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 13:36 — morgan 1 (not verified)

Padilla is a perfect example of physical torture, deprivation, isolation and drug experiments to break a prisoner. Padilla was coherent and sane when he was arrested, articulate and made his case for his own defense. The military went all out to break him and turned him into a silent, autistic "terrorist" who could not longer defend himself. This Nazi WW2 prisoner experimentation that was done on hundreds of Jews, homosexuals, lesbians, prostitutes--On and on, and these sociopaths showed no remorse. Think about it. The most heinous crimes were committed in these camps but yet the CIA and the WH has no problem hiring them to work with them. They even brought them over to work as scientists with new identities for the Federal government research facilities. Our govt. embraced torture a long time ago. They like the degradation of others. They get off on it. If that was not the case, there would be more politicians protesting torture. There would be more military personnel refusing to torture anyone. There would be psychologists protesting and jerking licenses of those who participated in torture. As none of that is occurring, it is clear our govt. feels nothing for its victims. Their moral compass has been lost.

If you can live with these

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 14:50 — Anonymous (not verified)

If you can live with these kinds of things being done in your world without scouring every resource for information on what causes this and how to stop it, and from then on doing whatever is truly in your power, then you are not a human at all, but a mere insect. Doesn't matter what you say, what you do, what you think, if this doesn't cause the aboves stated-reaction in you, then you really are not a human, but a mere insect somehow in possession of a human body.

And doctors in the 1800's

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 15:05 — Anonymous (not verified)

And doctors in the 1800's were still bleeding patients. The local state mental hospital was doing the same treatments at the same time. It was a research institution and in 50 years you will be able to write the same story about medical treatment today.

And for what it's worth I am one of the left referred to by an earlier post.

The facts are that the

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 15:09 — Corneilius (not verified)

The facts are that the entire structure of Power is founded upon child abuse, such that for most people it remains all but invisible, as they have 'normalised' or 'adjusted' to that psychology.

Research the term 'Poisonous Pedagogy'.

Look at the willingness of Governments to murder innocents - Iraq, Afghanistan, Gaza, Rwanda... Shell in Nigeria....

James Precott in 1975 published a paper that shows absolutely that a society that interferes or interjects into the child mother bonding and /or adolescent sexuality will be violent, hierarchical, religious (as in true believers, of type which Bender is) and toxic to egalitarian, non-hierarchical societies which they will destroy (as we see).

Until ALL the various movements for change face the FACTS, that the Industrial Governance System is built upon the psychology of child abuse, no real change is possible.

Thus Green Peace, FOE, etc etc must start to include the pollution of the natural child's mind and body as an urgent issue in their campaigns.

I add that also during this

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 15:25 — Lorraine Watkins (not verified)

I add that also during this same time period the people at the Oak Ridge nuclear facility were doing toxicity dose ranging of irradiation on children with cancer while telling the parents it was treatment.

There is no evil greater than that resulting from the comingling of government aims with those of and medical care. It is appalling that continues today in the US torture program.

The appropriation of members of the medical profession, whether consensual or not, by the government must constantly be guarded against.

Very hard article to read.

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 15:37 — Anonymous (not verified)

Very hard article to read. The total lack of empathy, compassion or even mercy on the part of the experimenters blares out from the accounts like a fire alarm in the night. But who is listening? Those who do such things obviously believe they are above any law of retribution, but that might be an error. If it is an error then the news is not good, and only a modest level of intelligence would lead one to conclude that it is not worth the gamble to do such things. The merest drop of compassion would prevent anyone from doing such things. So must one conclude that those who do such things have no intelligence and no compassion?

Utterly horrifying. What is

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 16:53 — NoOneYouKnow (not verified)

Utterly horrifying. What is the CIA up to today, I wonder? What is the medical community up to?

For further evidence of the

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 17:18 — corneilius (not verified)

For further evidence of the nature of this Dominant Society and how the lack of empathy arises, review this paper published by James W Prescott in 1975 in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists.

<http://www.violence.de/prescott/bulletin/article.html>

and this shorted one page outlay of the characteristics of nurturing/non-nurturing societies...

http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/Social-Behavioral_Characteristics.pdf

Alice Millers work supports this totally.

As does recent learnings in Developmental Neuroscience, Peri Natal and Post Natal Studies....

[100,000-200,000 Americans](#)

Thu, 08/12/2010 - 17:35 — Anonymous (not verified)

100,000-200,000 Americans are electroshocked each year in the US, mostly old women and children. I've heard ECT costs between \$400-\$5000. Old women's assets are drained while they are being tortured. State and federal funds pay for the childrens' torture. It keeps highly paid physicians, government employees, pharmaceutical execs, happy and rich.

[INTRODUCTION TO REALITY](#)

Fri, 08/13/2010 - 00:45 — Anonymous (not verified)

INTRODUCTION TO REALITY 2.0

Having experienced 'the system' not too unmildly, as a non-type 3, of the Institutions and groups above, and having been studying the spiritual aspect of this. I'd like to share somethings that should be common knowledge, The way I see it, is that, there are 3 or more types of humans on this planet and a natural 'psychic' order of dominance.

Human Type 1 - Spirit and other Psy-Abilities

Human Type 2 - Has Attendant Spirit/Vision

Human Type 3 - Ordinary / No abilities

WHAT THEY DON'T TEACH AT RELIGIOUS CLASS

The psychiatric establishment and now the covert electronic monitors, are formed for the purposes of ensuring that the first 2 do not dominate the 3rd. To this end, they use flouride in the water, introduced various SSRI drugs and vaccines that suppress abilities (sometimes cause autism), introduced certain dangerous or mutagenic substances like MSG, Aspartame or other flavourings and colourings Type 1s and 2s were allergic to, and created oligarchies and dictatorships around such information, because out of greed, fear and desire for freedom from control from control by Type 1s and 2s which naturally will be claimed by such groups, sometimes even if they do not actively seek it!

The attacks on various civilisations, like the Nazis probably targeted the Jews specifically because of their abilities (I have no sympathy for Zionists or practicers of Apartheid btw). Any older civilisations which

burnt libraries or at least hid knowledge were also targeting those of this genetic stock.

HISTORY OF HUMAN SCHISM

The Psychiatric Institution itself was thus founded out of fear likely conceived by and still funded by the 3rd 'Ordinary' Human Type during the Nazi era experimentations and studies into racial dominance, so when they discovered the 3 or more types the 1st and 2nd world wars were fought, on top of simple colonialism and racism as well. Other times these groups became followers of 'religions' which took vows of chastity (to prevent further breeding) or even more extremely practised castration or herbal forms of the same, though chemical forms of the day can and have caused insanity and should be avoided like plague.

THE OTHER HUMANS

Recall the burning of Alexandria or the expulsion of the religious caste during early China? Same purpose. The current spate of fantasy or Gothic or occult/vampire stuff now is either a fight back response y non-3s or simply an extension of control measures to waken and identify latent Type 1s and 2s (via various scanning technologies) for 'treatment' which can take any form, from direct drugging (easily identified via autism sufferers targeted with vaccines), to surrounding the target with people and events that make them become religious (i.e. harmless or limited by the 'Control Text' which is what most religious books are), to outright murder depending on how the subject responds or the nature of the subject. The very Aggressive or dangerous ones are usually put down or goaded into actions that are self destructive . . .

These are your descendants of shaman priests, warrior kings and druids or fate bending witches and prophets of the ancient world. But the issue is that when a natural pecking order when not respected occurs, either through - Types 1 or 2 who for any reasons, cause feedback via the Earthly/Solar System's systems and this causes self destructive behaviour in ordinary persons, warlike behaviour between decision makers in nations, amok cases of weaker minds, to brownouts, to earthquakes or even sun spot activity and undesirable solar storms.

THE EVIL UNETHICAL METHOD

In an effort to control these effects, the Psychiatric Institution in collusion with government agencies (which have become nepotistic in nature from protecting ALL such information on the nature of populations and even controlling or grooming them to be weapons) that poison with chemtrails or create wars to diminish the pent up response in such persons, who are in fact merely carrying out nature's task, as predators keeping populations under control.

PSYCHIC RIGHTS

We are still part of the planet, feed off or are part of it, and part of nature. Laws and civilisation however unnaturally do not allow wars and killings. Thus the expressions of culling via 'predation' occur unsavoury as it may seem . . .

This planet and it's wealth and resources belong to all of us, do not hate those with roles to play, nature knows the necessity, please engage us honestly and be proactive about the whole thing, including making sure we have the education necessary to live harmoniously together. Do not withhold knowledge.

I am glad to see lots of esoteric stuff about these days. A proper and internationally styled (without cultural imperialism pls) and easily available textbook would be appreciated though. "Human Spiritual Relations" ?

Nature demands/orders some of us around, and if those with the information keep us uninformed, use unnatural methods to suppress us, kill the messenger (Overpopulation is the message now) or prevent the predator from doing it's job, the familiars will retaliate, the ecosystem will surely be destroyed.

TODAY'S SITUATION

An ethical accord but still not yet a formation of actual laws or education policies to identify was likely formed not too long ago, but this is kept from public to prevent 'chaos' by backward governments or governments embracing a modern but non-holistic non-superstitious technological veneer that neglects man's psychic heritage.

There are SERIOUS gaps in our education about esoteric issues as above and it is unconscionable to leave such knowledge secret anymore so that a handful of people can manipulate and control the world. Instead of being honest, some of our fellow human beings have chosen to manipulate or harm us instead.

Meanwhile, larger forms of control such as the very frequency of the power grid itself (read on Orgone), are used to suppress the emanations of type 1 and 2 humans.

DISCLAIMER

This entire post, if not an expression of part of a subliminal propaganda programmed to mislead or entertain readers, is true to what I know, have pieced together and have experienced. Barring that, experiences are unnatural and technology based . . . otherwise do dismiss the entire post as creative writing or someone messing with your mind for the fun of it . . .

[Don't accept the criminal](#)

Fri, 08/13/2010 - 03:24 — Garrick S. (not verified)

Don't accept the criminal injustice by psychiatrists as something that happened just in the past. I have my own experience as the subject of a non-consent psychiatric experimentation in the 70's and 80's. Human nature and our culture being what it is, this continues today.

What is being told in this story isn't over. Today, psychiatric doctors who participate in experimentation on children no longer operate out openly as those in the past have. I have no doubt there exist doctors today who experiment on children without their consent. They have learned from those before them how not to be exposed.

Just like the periodic reports of child molestation by clergy in which adult survivors expose the sins of clergy, I expect in the next 10, 20, or 30 years what is being done to children today will be exposed. And readers will again consider it to be in the past, no reason to worry. Somewhere, this is still happening right now, today.

[A further example of](#)

Fri, 08/13/2010 - 14:13 — peterjkraus (not verified)

A further example of Nazi-like medicine is this clarifying comment from the Los Angeles Times: [VForced Sterilization: a Stain on California](#)

Commentary

February 16, 2003|Peter Irons, a professor of political science at UC San Diego, is director of the Earl Warren Bill of Rights Project:

It's time for California to make amends for one of the most horrific and shameful episodes in the state's history. Between 1909 and 1964, more than 20,000 people in California were robbed of their reproductive

abilities through a state program of forced sterilization. Under the misleading guise of "race betterment," doctors at California's state hospitals sterilized those who were considered "unfit to propagate."

AND.... while we're at it, google "California eugenics"

[Hello introduction to](#)

Fri, 08/13/2010 - 20:06 — Anonymous (not verified)

Hello introduction to reality...please do not romanticize schizophrenia. It is not spiritual. It is not a "gift" and it is a very serious illness, as are many of the more severe forms of mental diagnosis, often romanticized by the people who suffer from them and refuse to accept the seriousness of their condition. I have a brother and a daughter with schizophrenia and have sat with both of them through many a crisis, in and out of various hospitals. I have become very spiritual as a method of coping. This spirituality is NOT the same as having thoughts literally being wired through parts of the brain where they were not meant to travel. I will be so glad when medical science makes brainscanning the normal procedure for identifying abnormalities.

Right now, much of our mental health system is a tortuous route for individuals looking for relief from symptoms. And the abuse discussed here is "the tip of the iceberg" as someone has suggested. I could write a book about the horrors I personally have witnessed with highly educated, supposedly heart centered people at the helm. And the comment about the number of crackpots and sociopaths within the field is ON POINT. I personally know of a head of a very large mental health facility who was diagnosed with conduct disorder as a teenager (unbeknownst to his staff), which is an early form of personality disorder, a frightening reality. His minions are every bit as frightening as he is and all of them no doubt have huge mortgages riding on their corruption. And their story is on par with just about everything written here, including a collusion with public school officials. For example, MANY (thousands of) mentally ill children are washed down the drain of our juvenile detention system, even though federal law prohibits this. And the people allowing it are in full knowledge that they are doing it: sending children to foster homes and care facilities where they are doped, restrained, raped and whose lives are tragic from that point on. They need mental health care, not punishment. The system creates its own monsters and that opinion is echoed throughout the field of very knowledgeable, reality-based mental health professionals.

In my humble opinion, ANYONE wishing to receive a medical degree or psychology degree, or teach in our public schools for that matter, should have to pass an extensive psychological exam before any licenses or certificates are issued.

Sad to say, we are many years away from the humane and helpful treatment of mental illness. These things have been going on for centuries. No one knows what to do, then or now.

[the use of LSD as a](#)

Sat, 08/14/2010 - 00:57 — Anonymous (not verified)

the use of LSD as a therapeutic adjunct is sound- the use of LSD by spiritually dead and inexperienced practitioners [experimenting] is UN-sound. Dr.Timothy Leary was on the right track in his early investigations,which were per-choice interrupted when DOD people commandeered the research for 'nefarious' inquiry...thus the great liberation of the drug 'to the people'.

[I'm living in the Lao PDR,](#)

Sat, 08/14/2010 - 02:27 — Lloyd Wagner (not verified)

I'm living in the Lao PDR, where there aren't any drug-pushing psychiatrists. People who want their children legally drugged have to go to Thailand.

[Another "pioneer" of](#)

Sat, 08/14/2010 - 06:32 — lunamoth (not verified)

Another "pioneer" of drugging children with LSD was Dr. John Lilly who actually writes about such experiments done in the 1950s, in his book Reprogramming the Human Biocomputer. Lilly visited Dr. Donald Hebb, a famous neurologist at McGill University in Montreal, and (apparently) collaborated with him on sensory isolation experiments. There is anecdotal or connect-the-dots information that shows up in various places that Hebb and his colleague Dr. Ewen Cameron kept orphans in a behavioral lab behind McGill, and used them in a MKULTRA project involving drugs, ECT, sensory isolation, extreme sexual abuse, etc. in order to find out how to create human robots/Manchurian candidates.

I agree with the poster who says this is an attack by science on spiritually evolved humans. At McGill, "gifted children" were recruited, their parents lured with promises of wonderful careers. Many of these children were destroyed, committed suicide, became permanent mental patients.

I have been researching and writing about this for some time, in part because my family were drawn into the MKULTRA through my father's Air Force intelligence connections. I was a child in LSD experiments beginning at age 3 1/2 at a Montreal hospital. My parents were unwitting, or at least my mother did not know -- they were told I had life-threatening pneumonia which was why they were kept from seeing me for 1-2 weeks. In fact I was in a ward with other children being drugged on LSD. The mastermind of this particular experiment was Dr. Nolan D.C. Lewis, who had just retired as head of Columbia University Institute of Psychiatry, and wrote books on child psychiatry. He also wrote the introduction to a book on LSD written by Dr. Abram Hoffer, who was giving LSD to schizophrenics at a remote mental hospital in Saskatchewan. Hoffer is apparently still alive in Victoria, BC.

My point is: once you start digging, there is no end to this vast project, which really got off the ground when Nazi scientists came to America after WW2 and were put to work experimenting on children and others. Forget everything you have been told about "the holocaust" -- it never ended, it just moved to other headquarters with lots of help from Uncle Sam.

[Re: schizophrenia as an](#)

Sat, 08/14/2010 - 06:40 — lunamoth (not verified)

Re: schizophrenia as an illness

It's important to realize the CIA funded experiments at McGill and elsewhere (read about Dr. Cameron and MKULTRA mind control) whose purpose was not to cure but to CREATE schizophrenia through various kinds of drugs, trauma, ECT and so on. They were investigating this as a bio weapon, for various purposes: one was to undermine leaders of foreign governments, or domestic political enemies. Another purpose was to create mind-controlled multiple personalities.

This "crazy" research has found many industrial applications e.g. by the military, and also has resulted in the development of better and better drugs to control the population.

The medical Mafia are a self-serving, self-replicating elite that acts destructively against people with unusual gifts and abilities. The best thing to do with your psychically gifted children is keep them away from doctors and psychiatrists.

[I can see from reading some](#)

Sat, 08/14/2010 - 09:28 — Anonymous (not verified)

I can see from reading some of these comments that some people are still asleep. It should never be necessary to electroshock or administer any drugs to a child under any circumstances without understanding first about perceptions of reality.

Perception is the key to understanding how these children tick, not giving them drugs or shocking them! Times are changing and people are starting to understand that there's more to this world than we think we see.

Read about the holographic universe theory or something other than psychobabble from psychologists and doctors. Think about different points of view and don't discredit them just because you think they don't come from a "reliable source". Open your mind and your perception of reality will change.

[When my son went through the](#)

Sat, 08/14/2010 - 13:47 — Anonymous (not verified)

When my son went through the court process to spend time with his children after divorce, there were counseling sessions. The court appointed an "ad litem" representative for the children. There mother agreed to a psychological test as did the father. The mother's results divulged two personality defects. (serious ones) The father's was pronounced normal. Yet the children had to be represented by a court appointed legal person.

Where were the representatives for these underage children? Because they came from an environment of sexual molestation and alcoholism, they were prime meat for drug induced experiments?

At a university in my state and town, the CIA has set up shop to recruit students. The faculty is up in arms, but the people who hold the pursestrings are ecstatic. The growing CIA presence in academic affairs means more money. What happened to ethics, morality, and human rights? There is a book available, a small blue book, published by the UN in the forties. It states yours and my international human rights. More people need to read it.

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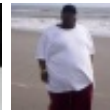
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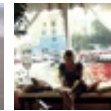
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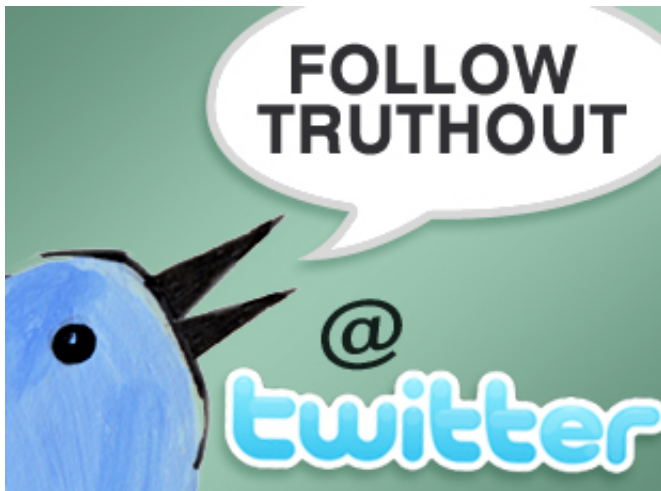


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