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## **NEW STUDY SHAKES PHARMACEUTICAL FOUNDATIONS**

Readers of mine know that, for the last couple of years, I have been broadcasting the fact that medical drugs kill, at a minimum, 100,000 people in the US every year. Estimates on the number of adverse reactions, annually, range as high as 22 million.

Well, AP and CNN are now reporting on a new study that has just been published in the New England Journal. The study states that the drug companies, which test their new drugs before marketing them, typically use university researchers for this task---BUT the companies "give the participating university researchers little or no say in how the [drug testing] studies are designed and how the findings are handled..." So writes CNN.

"Powerless" is a word used by the university researchers.

In other words, a drug company, which wants to gain FDA approval for a new medicine, controls the whole show. The company can concoct a study design which will skew results in favor of the drug's safety and efficacy---and if the university boys still don't come up with the right answers, the whole study can be junked and buried by the pharmaceutical company.

Additionally, some university researchers are paid for their work with drug-company stock.

Note: These new "revelations" are old hat in the medical research community. Only now, the whistle is being blown---a little bit.

Why do I say "a little bit?"

Because corrupted researchers can assuage their consciences by saying, "Well, now it's all out in the open."

Yeah. Out in the open. For five minutes.

The medical community has learned that the best way to do a mea culpa is with a published study that surfaces and then fades into the background.

Whereas, if a hundred major university researchers called a joint press conference and stood before the TV cameras and said, "THIS HAS TO STOP, WE WILL TAKE NO MORE DRUG-RESEARCH MONEY UNTIL IT DOES STOP," the doo-doo would really hit the fan. All at once.

But conscience is not something that university researchers are noted for.

Yet the health of the whole nation is at stake.

The question is, do you want to risk your health by taking a drug, when the clinical trials of that drug have been skewed by the very companies who manufacture and sell it?

And do you really think your doctor has delved deeply into the nature, funding, and design of the studies which originally led to the FDA green light on a given drug?

Your doctor barely has time to read summaries of new published studies.

Something is very rotten here, once you cut through the PR.

Let's take all this down to a manageable scale. Suppose you were the president of a small company that made toasters. You discovered that, on a regular basis all the safety checks on the toasters were corrupted by your own employees.

In fact, you had already received reports from the field about fires and short-circuits in your product.

What would you do?

What would your conscience tell you to do?

I think the answer is pretty clear.

But here we have mega-corporations, which, as a matter of policy created at the highest levels, make sure that studies on their drugs will slant very real safety concerns (if death is a safety concern).

And the upshot of this situation? One day's worth of news about a study published in the New England Journal---and then it will all be forgotten.

No statement from the FDA or the White House.

No follow-up. No criminal investigation launched by the DOJ.

And the public simply shrugs and moves on. And keeps taking the drugs, out of habit, hope, and desperation.

I guarantee that if a suspected terrorist were at large, poisoning a town's water supply, and if that news got out, federal cops would be rushed to the scene, and camera crews from media outlets would be piling up like moths at an open-air light show.

What is going on? It all has to do with the emotional definition of CRIME.

The public views crime, by and large, as sudden and violent intrusion. Even on a white-collar level, crime means a company visibly goes belly up---and then all the charges are made.

But when the killer is a whole industry that appears to operate in the open, and when the crime has been ongoing for decades, nobody budges.

Not to be ignored: These drug companies have a major hold on the media. As in, they spend big advertising bucks. The companies also fund lobbies that infect Washington up to the highest levels. The companies have on retainer huge PR firms that spend their days planting stories in the press about the latest and greatest maybe could be we hope so "breakthroughs" in the area of disease detection and treatment.

All that pharmaceutical money buys a lot of complicit silence.

Imagine that the chairman of the joint chiefs told reporters that he KNEW, BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT, 100,000 Americans would die in a war on Iraq. Do you think that would cause a ripple in the press and the public consciousness?

And suppose he offered pictures of war casualties from previous wars, and video, and so on.

Well, like the regular ticking of a very good clock, we can all count on at least 100,000 deaths, every year, from the use of pharmaceuticals by the American public. This fact has been published in the AMA's own journal (summer of 2000) and has been supported by other studies, including a release from the California Pharmacist's Association. An old friend, Linda Marsa, broke this 100,000-deaths story in the LA Times a couple of years ago. It's all in the public domain.

But the FDA and the DOJ remain silent. Nothing is done. The crime continues.

This new study in the New England Journal shows that the crime is really RICO in nature. The murders stem, in part, from an ongoing criminal conspiracy between the drug companies and their hired researchers at universities. This RICO would make the mafia blush. This RICO would even impress the CIA vis-a-vis that agency's own clandestine activities.

In the current sniper case, as I've pointed out, what has happened at ground level needs to be tracked to much higher lairs, in order to understand the real situation.

It is the same in the world of medicine. One cannot possibly comprehend the reasons behind this ongoing crime unless one is ready to take the leap and think about INTENTIONALITY.

About who benefits. About who wants to weaken and debilitate and destroy populations. About what agenda this crime fulfills.

In this area, as usual, one must sift through layers of motives, one must be willing to entertain strange ideas, one must be willing to admit that mere blundering and money grubbing are not the final explanations.

At the end of such an investigation, one arrives at a shattering conclusion that enables him to reach a new view about the nature of our modern society, its foundations, its crimes, its departure from the best thoughts and principles on which, for example, the American republic was based.

I offer, for your perusal, in the Twilight Zone, two books which expose the chemical octopus called IG Farben, a Nazi company that maintained a SERIOUS financial presence in at least 2000 other corporations around the world.

The Crime and Punishment of IG Farben, by Joseph Borkin, and The Devil's Chemists, by Josiah DuBois. And then you can also read the brilliant chapter on Farben by Ed Griffin in his book, World Without Cancer.

Buckle up.

The Nazi vision is not dead. It resides in the world of medicine, infecting that sphere like a germ far more powerful than any so-called cause of any so-called disease.