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FATALLY FLAWED: THE 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT

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“Fatally Flawed: The 9/11 Commission Report”—a talk scheduled for November 1 at the NRECA Conference Center in Arlington, Virginia, including the 90 min film by independent researchers on the destruction of the World Trade Center—is on the Internet at <http://www.twf.org/Gallery/911talk.html>.

If approached with an open mind, this presentation will lead you to the conclusion that we were not told the truth about September 11, 2001—the stated casus belli for the war on Afghanistan, and repeatedly linked to the war on Iraq by President Bush, and Vice President Cheney.

Indeed there is prima facie evidence for the use of expertly placed explosives to cause the collapse of 1, 2, and 7 World Trade Center.

The prime example is 7 World Trade Center—its collapse in less than 7 seconds is most easily recognized as a controlled demolition. The 9/11 Commission Report does not even mention the collapse of this 47-story building, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology has yet to produce its report.

Philanthropist Jimmy Walter has issued a “Million Dollar Challenge”—the first person to prove explosives were not used in the destruction of the World Trade Center will receive a million dollars. The prize remains unclaimed.

The Iraq war alone is expected to cost the U.S. between one and two trillion dollars according to Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz. A study directed by Johns Hopkins estimates over 650,000 Iraqis have died as a result, and 1.6 million have fled the country. Add to this the cost

in American lives, the destruction of Iraq’s society, institutions and infrastructure, and millions more maimed and wounded. In the words of veteran journalist Robert Fisk, “We have turned Iraq into the most hellish place on Earth.”

It is now incumbent upon all Americans of conscience, specially leaders of faith-based organizations, to speak out and demand the truth.

Muslim leaders, in particular, have a special duty because most of this death and destruction has been inflicted upon the Muslim world, and Muslims everywhere are the target of a new cold war with Islam—of which my former colleague at Eastern Times, Mowahid H. Shah, wrote in the Christian Science Monitor, July 30, 1990.

And now that it is clear that the Bush administration manipulated the intelligence on Iraq there is the matter of compensation for the victims of U.S. aggression—the “Supreme International Crime” in the words of former Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, chief U.S. prosecutor at the first Nuremberg trial. The United Nations Compensation Commission approved \$52.5 billion in claims against Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait in 1990.



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