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The Pen Becomes the Sword

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The information quoted in this article is from an article titled *Active Thermite Material Discovered in Dust from the 9/11 World Trade Center Catastrophe*, which appeared in *The Open Chemical Physics Journal*, 2009, Volume 2, by Harrit *et al.* The last time that I checked (Sunday, May 31, 2009), the article was available for download as a 9.9 Mb, 25 page, PDF file at <http://www.bentham.com/open/tocpj/openaccess2.htm>.

5. Can Super-Thermite be Handled Safely?

The April 2000 report by Gash *et al.* states:

“The nature of the wet nanocomposites also affords an additional degree of safety. In our hands, the wet pyrotechnic nanocomposites cannot be ignited until the drying process is complete. This property should allow the production of a large quantity of the pyrotechnics that can be stored safely for some time and dried shortly before its use” [19].

Safe handling of the malleable sol-gel material allows easy coating of surfaces (such as steel), which the same group, in a subsequent report, says they have achieved.

“The sol-gel process is very amenable to dip-, spin-, and spray-coating technologies to coat surfaces. We have utilized this property to dipcoat various substrates to make

sol-gel Fe₂O₃/Al/Viton coatings. The energetic coating dries to give a nice adherent film.” “We have prepared fine powders, pressed pellets, cast monoliths, and thin films of the hybrid inorganic/organic energetic nanocomposite” [25].

Thus, the energetic nano-composite can be sprayed or even “painted” onto surfaces, effectively forming an energetic or even explosive paint.... —quoted from page 26

6. What is the Energy Release of Super-Thermite Compared to Conventional Explosives?

A graph in an article on nanostructured energetic materials [21] shows that the energy/volume yield for Al/Fe₂O₃ composite material exceeds that of TNT, HMX and TATB explosives commonly used in demolitions (see Fig. (30)). —quoted from page 27

The substance discussed in the article can be formulated as a stable liquid and applied like paint. It becomes explosive after it dries. Graffiti takes on a whole new meaning. Another idea recently occurred to me.¹ If the substance can be formulated to behave like paint, then it can probably also be formulated to behave like ink. That gives a whole new meaning to the idea of a letter bomb. Indeed, any printed material might be explosive. The government might have a whole new method of eliminating people who are considered to be threats to the government. ♀

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How to Have Some Fun

Original Source Unknown. Forwarded by Jan, of Sulphur, Louisiana.

- Five days in advance, tell your friends that you can't attend their party because you have a headache.
- Specify that your drive-through order is “to go”.
- Skip down the hall rather than walking and see how many “looks” you get.
- Every time that someone asks you to do something, ask him if he wants fries with it.

- When the money comes out of the ATM, scream “I Won! I Won!”
- Whenever you go out to eat, with a serious face, order diet water. ∞

A White Man's Notes

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There's only one way to make men and women have equal rights. That is to make neither men nor women have any rights at all. Such has been an important achievement of the feminists. ♂

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Digital Downgrade

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In April of this year, Comcast took advantage of the digital conversion in broadcast television to accomplish a service downgrade. It was called a service upgrade. It was a service downgrade. Here's the situation.

I've been using the basic cable service. Thus, the cable from Comcast was connected to the back of my VCR. It was a convenient arrangement. The VCR has a tuner and is programmable. The programming capability of the VCR allows me to select a different channel for each program that I write in the VCR. Before the service downgrade, and if I used the six-hour recording speed, I could record as many as 12 different 30-minute shows, on 12 different channels, or three different two-hour movies, on three different channels, completely unattended. Since the service downgrade, that's all ruined.

As a so-called service upgrade, Comcast required me to add a digital converter to the end of their cable. If I failed to do so, then I'd lose over half of the channels that had previously been available on the basic service. I'd be left with only channels 2 through 13. Now, the Comcast cable connects to their digital converter. Another cable goes from their digital converter to my VCR. The problem is that the Comcast digital converter has a tuner. Because of that, my VCR must always stay tuned to channel 3. Now, when I write programs into the VCR, they all must record channel 3. I must remember (and be at home and awake to do it) to manually change the channel on the digital converter before each show that I want to record. If I'm not at home or if I'm asleep, then I can't do it at all.

Speedbird 206: Frankfurt

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The German controllers at Frankfurt Airport were a short-tempered lot. They not only expected you to know your parking location but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground and British Airways PanAm 747 (radio call Speedbird 206) after landing.

Speedbird 206: "Good morning Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of the active."

If I am at home and awake, then I still have to remember not only to do it but also when to do it and which channel to select. It makes automatic recording, using the programming capability of my VCR, almost impossible. The likelihood of recording the wrong show approaches certainty.

They didn't have to do it that way. They could have provided a digital converter that didn't include a tuner. It could have decoded (or whatever it does) their signal and just passed all of the channels through to its output. Then I could still have used the tuner in my VCR. If they had to include a tuner in the digital converter, then they ought to at least have made it programmable. Then, I could have programmed the sequence of channels into their digital converter. It would have been much more complicated to program both my VCR and their digital converter and to keep the programs coordinated. The likelihood of making an error would still have been high, but at least it would have been theoretically possible to do unattended recordings. With the present arrangement, they've completely disabled my ability to make unattended recordings on multiple channels.

If the people at Comcast really believe that what they did was a service upgrade, then they're too stupid to be running a cable system. If they actually understand what they did, and they still call it a service upgrade, then they're too dishonest to be running a cable system. I believe that the second situation is true. I believe that they know exactly what they're doing. They're trying to make it impossible for me to record shows. They're just too dishonest to admit their true agenda. ¶

Ground: "Good Morning, taxi to your gate." The 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and stopped.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, ground, I'm looking up the gate location now."

Ground (impatiently): "Speedbird 206, have you never flown to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, in 1944. But I didn't stop." ∞

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Good News, Bad News

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In April of this year, I went to the Good News Clinics, in Gainesville, Georgia and asked the lady at the front desk how much they'd charge me to clean and examine my teeth. She told me that they don't do cleaning and examinations, only extractions and fillings. I told her that I'd try to find someplace else to get the examination and asked her what they'd charge if I need any fillings. She informed me that they require photo ID. I told her that I don't have any photo ID, that I'm undocumented. After that, she wouldn't give me any further information. I told her that I'd pay in cash but all that she'd do was to repeat the statement that they require photo ID.

Such an ID requirement violates at least four of the fundamental principles of liberty.¹

The Presumption of Innocence Principle

If someone wants to know who I am, then all that he has to do is to ask me and I'll tell him. I insist on being presumed innocent. I don't need to provide any documentation to prove my identity. When I tell someone who I am, he must assume that I'm telling the truth.

The Burden of Proof Principle

In all accusations, the accuser must bear the burden of proof. That means that if someone has some probable cause to believe that I'm lying about my identity, and if he thinks that it matters (I don't), then it's up to him to prove it. I don't have to prove to him that I'm not lying. He has to prove to me that I am lying, and he has to do it without my help.

The Self Incrimination Principle

In response to an accusation that I'm lying about my identity, I don't have to provide any information that might be used against me. That includes photo ID, which is clearly infor-

¹ *The Fundamental Principles of Liberty*, Tuesday, June 16, 1992, Sam Aurelius Milam III

Management Potential

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Several years ago, we had an Intern who wasn't particularly bright. One day she was typing, turned to a secretary, and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What should I do?"

mation and which obviously might be used against me.

The Silence Principle

I can choose to remain silent and I can remain silent in the broadest sense of the concept. That means that I don't have to provide any information at all, whether or not it might be used against me.

Totalitarianism doesn't need armies. It only needs to control a couple of things. The media, and the ability to dispense privilege to some and to withhold it from others....

—the last president of the United States
in the miniseries *Amerika*

An ID requirement is a tool for the control of privileges. In this country today, such control is close to absolute. Without government ID, I can't get a job, own or drive a car, open a bank account, get a marriage license, vote, have insurance, rent a tool, or do most of the other things that a man ought to be able to do. As demonstrated by Good News Clinics, I can't even get dental services without government ID. No doubt, the people at Good News Clinics help some people who need it, but only if those people are authorized by government ID.

There are good reasons for objecting to a requirement for government ID. Such ID is a powerful tool for a police state. It enables the government to know exactly where a man is, where he works, what he earns, where he banks, how he travels, the condition of his health, what medicines he takes, what he eats, and so forth. Apartheid didn't have a better ID system than the one that presently exists in this country. Hitler himself would be green with envy at the present system of ID. My teeth can rot before I'll become a part of a system of documentation and surveillance that enables the government to track and observe every aspect of a man's entire life. ¶

"Just use copy machine paper," said the secretary.

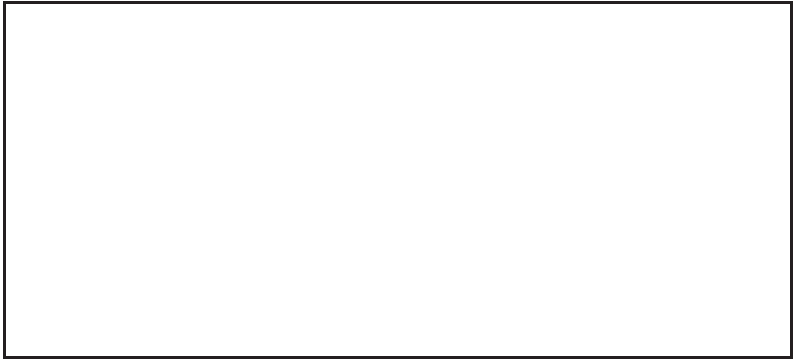
The intern took her last remaining blank piece of typing paper, put it on the photocopier, copied five new pieces of typing paper, and took them back to her typewriter. ∞

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Nation in Distress

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.
— Winston Churchill



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Court Quotes

From *Humor in the Court* and *More Humor in the Court*, by Mary Louise Gilman, editor of the *National Shorthand Reporter*. Forwarded by Don G.

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July fifteenth.

Q: What year?

A: Every year.

Doctor's Goofs

Actual statements that doctors wrote on patients' charts. Original Source Unknown. Forwarded by Don G.

- The patient refused an autopsy.
- The patient has no past history of suicides.
- Patient has left his white blood cells at another hospital.
- Patient's past medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
- While in the ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
- She is numb from her toes down.
- Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.

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