

We Were Lied to About 9/11: The Interviews

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Jon Gold was one of the earliest campaigners for truth about the events we call 9/11 and this book is the transcribed text of his audio interviews conducted over several years. His interviewees range from victims' families to academics, whistle-blowers to journalists and they provide a wealth of valuable material about September 11, 2001 and the 'war on terror' that followed. This is how Gold introduced his first show:

'I look at 9/11 as a crime and not an act of war. As with every crime there are suspects for that crime. I believe that along with Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, elements within our Government and other Governments have **MORE THAN EARNED** the title of suspect for the crime of 9/11. That being said, I don't know what happened that day or who was ultimately responsible. Admitting this, in my opinion, has made me a better advocate for 9/11 justice.

Here's what I **DO** know:

I do know we were lied to about a great many things about that day. I do know that there are many examples of individuals attempting to cover up this or that. I do know that there are many examples of people outright lying about the attacks. I do know that people who should have been held accountable were instead rewarded and promoted. I do know that many polls over the years show that a majority of people question what we were told about that day. I do know that the corporate media has only attacked those who question what we were told about that day. I do know that each investigation we had, had its own version of corruption and compromise, especially the 9/11 Commission. I do know that the families who lost someone that day, and the people of the world, both deserve and require real truth, accountability and justice for what happened that day. The last thing I know is that because of all of the lies of 9/11, there is no justification for all of the evil that we have committed

in the name of that day, and in the names of those lost that day.'

Gold concluded the introduction to that first show as follows:

'I don't want to focus on theories about what happened that day. I want to focus on the fact that we were lied to about 9/11. It's a simple and true statement, and I'm hoping that it reaches a majority of people. I want to educate people about everything I just said. Learning about 9/11 is a very hard and daunting task. I want to help people with it, and that is why I am having this show.'

Having myself entered the rabbit hole that is 9/11 research to produce my *Lobster* article for the 15th anniversary,¹ I was attracted to Gold's approach as a means of seeking a way through: yes, of course, attend to the many theories about the deaths, planes and buildings, but try hard, above all, to establish what is indisputable.

Gold's 31 interviews – in two of which he himself is the interviewee – offer such a wealth of information it is difficult to know where to start, but here are a few suggestions.

Lorie Van Auken lost her Cantor Fitzgerald broker husband Kenneth without trace in the North Tower of the World Trade Center (WTC) on 9/11. His last words to her she found on her telephone answer machine after the attack: 'I'm in the World Trade Center. The building was hit by something. I don't know if I will get out, but I love you very much. I hope I see you later. Bye.'

Along with other 9/11 widows who became known as the Jersey Girls, she pressed long and hard for a very resistant President George W Bush to set up an inquiry. They then prevented Henry Kissinger becoming its chairman, though failed to depose White House placeman Philip Zelikow as its executive director.²

Bob McIlvaine joined her in that effort to find out more, after the remains of his Merrill Lynch employee son were among the first to be recovered the day after the attacks. In his Gold interview, McIlvaine describes how the medical analysis of Bobby Jr's body parts points to him dying as a result of an explosion in the WTC lobby before the plane impacts.³

Two whistle-blowers, Thomas Drake of the National Security Agency (NSA) and Coleen Rowley of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), offer telling

¹ <<https://www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/free/lobster72/lob72-fifteen-years-9-11.pdf>>

² The film documentary 9/11: Press for Truth at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgUFkVG_78g> details the campaigning work of the victims' families.

³ <<https://www.ae911truth.org/get-involved/bobby-mcilvaine-act>>

testimony – as does J. Michael Springmann, a State Department employee in Saudi Arabia who was pressured by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) into giving visas to some of the alleged hijackers.

Nafeez Ahmed was one of the first academics to question the Bush administration's version of 9/11 events and Peter Dale Scott draws interesting parallels between them and the JFK assassination.

Ray McGovern is a retired senior CIA analyst who prepared Presidential Daily Briefs on intelligence. He was recently arrested for protesting against the appointment of Gina Haskell as CIA director.⁴

Jenna Orkin's son was in a nearby school when the towers came down spreading their toxic dust around Lower Manhattan. She went to campaign on the hugely damaging environmental and health consequences of 9/11.⁵

Philip Shenon is one of a small number of journalists to emerge with much credit from 9/11 with his book on the work of the 9/11 Commission. Another one, impressive in another way, is Paul Thompson. His 9/11 History Commons timeline is the product of enormous labour ⁶ and his four-part interview appropriately wraps up the Gold compilation.

In offering us chapter-by-chapter research links for those wishing to dig deeper, Gold encourages others to continue his own revelatory work.

Some of these questioners have been prompted by events nearer home in the UK, and not just because of the consequences of the 'war on terror' that followed 9/11. They look at Grenfell Tower and compare its fate to that of World Trade Center 7 (WTC7), the third New York skyscraper to come down on 9/11.

Grenfell, completed in 1974, is 24 storeys high with a surface footprint of 484 square metres. It burned for 60 hours, its structure remained intact and is apparently capable of rehabilitation. WTC7, completed 13 years later, was more than twice as high and its surface footprint more than eight times larger. Like Grenfell, WTC7 was not hit by an aircraft. Unlike Grenfell, it suffered small fires for several hours but disintegrated at a little more than freefall speed into rubble and dust.

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⁴ <<https://tinyurl.com/yc48dk55>> or <<https://consortiumnews.com/2018/05/10/haspel-says-cia-wont-torture-again-as-ray-mcgovern-is-dragged-out-of-hearing/>>

⁵ <<https://tinyurl.com/y8c4r2vv>> or <<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/FDNY-Veteran-Ronald-Spadafora-Dies-of-Cancer-Linked-to-September-11-Commissioner-Says-486360551.html>>

⁶ <http://www.historycommons.org/911_terror_timeline_by_paul_thompson.jsp>