

News From The Lunatic Fringe



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The advent of first the Internet and then social media has enabled ordinary people to communicate with the masses like never before. The downside to this is that while you can watch films, concerts and documentaries round the clock, and get alternative views on stories from the mainstream to the obscure, there are no filters anymore, so any crank with a webcam or simply a blog can present his demented ravings as news and analysis. A few of the more successful have even built empires out of this sort of thing.

If you haven't heard of David Icke, he is a former professional footballer turned sports journalist turned green politician turned mystic. Because he was a name when he discovered the forbidden truths, it was difficult to ignore him, so instead he was subjected to a fair amount of ridicule, an unfair amount in the early days. He has though prevailed against that, and like the gorgeous but **gullible Abby Martin** he has often railed against the wicked corporations that control the world. He goes much, much further than Abby though, and while she has backed off from the 9/11 Truth Movement (so-called), Icke has immersed himself in it.



David Icke (Image Credits: Stefano Maffei)

A recent e-mail to the true believers (and the few skeptics on his mailing list) is offering his latest book on the subject at a reduced price: *Alice In Wonderland And the World Trade Center Disaster*. The thesis of this book is that 9/11 was an inside job masterminded from the very top. Are you surprised?

But before you shell out ten pounds sterling for this worthless paperback, you might like to check out one of his videos on this and related subjects. Start with [this one](#), which covers 9/11 and many other conspiracies, including the non-conspiracy of the Kennedy Assassination. By definition a conspiracy requires a minimum of two persons; the murder of a serving President on November 22, 1963 was the [work of one person](#) and one person only, Lee Harvey Oswald, and anyone who suggests otherwise has not done his homework. In fact, the Kennedy Assassination is the litmus test for conspiriology, if the person you are listening to or reading suggests Oswald did not act alone or was a patsy as the man himself claimed, you are better off not wasting your time.

In his *research*, so-called, on 9/11, Mr Icke makes many comparable mistakes, he believes, or appears to believe the planes used as weapons of mass destruction on that terrible day were not commandeered by hijackers but were controlled from the ground. Believe it or not, there are even whackier *theories* than that, but let's not mention the no-planers.

The really annoying thing about David Icke is that although he perpetuates this 9/11 fantasy, he does understand the financial system and what is wrong with it. Alas, by mixing the two he has guaranteed he will never be taken seriously when he has something intelligent to say.

Mel Ve is a crank from South Africa. Her book, *The South African Guide To The Global Conspiracy*, can be downloaded free (including free typos). According to this book, half the world's wealth is owned by one family; David Icke will tell you the name of that family, needless to say, he too is wrong.



Mel Ve with David Icke

This year, Ve set up the **Conscious Consumer Network** to supplement her other project, Freedom Central. She had been living in the Netherlands with her Dutch husband, but unfortunately they have now relocated to London – unfortunately for us but not for the Dutch. When the ludicrous Hampstead Satanic abuse hoax blew up, it was inevitable that she would jump on board, but unlike some people who operate in this field, including the highly intelligent but deluded **Sabine McNeill**, she does have some critical faculty, and has seen through the only slightly less implausible Hollie Greig hoax.

While Mel Ve has no academic credentials and can therefore be dismissed summarily by those who can't be bothered to investigate her ravings, the same cannot be said of Jim Fetzer. An accredited philosopher, he too was unable to accept the Kennedy Assassination was the work of a lone nut, and four decades later he became a founder member of Scholars For 9/11 Truth.

It should probably come as not too much of a shock therefore that like so many cranks and conspiracy theorists (so-called), Fetzer sees false flags everywhere. The latest target for this claim is the **Charlestown church shooting**. This may sound a difficult pill to swallow in view of the fact that the principal and only suspect was not only caught on CCTV but is said to have confessed to the crime, but the simple fact is that the likes of Icke, Ve and Fetzer don't care how much grief they cause to the loved ones of victims or the innocent people they taint with their ludicrous claims of involvement in the all-encompassing Grand Conspiracy. Bear that in mind before you are tempted to be drawn down the rabbit hole with them.

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