Called everything from fool to murderer to time-waster, for noticing that HIV does not do what it is supposed to: namely, kill immune system cells. Now, there are over 400 scientists world-wide who agree with the evidence Dr. Duesberg was bold enough to publish—at much personal cost to himself and his career. But, the fight to be heard is not over. Dr. Duesberg and others have continued to lecture, write and drive for full exposure of ALL the evidence concerning this medical/scientific boondoggle. Inside is more startling information that will add to your conviction that HIV does NOT cause AIDS, that the AIDS "tests" are flawed, and that funding stifles, not liberates, basic research.
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WHY WE WILL WIN THE WAR ON AIDS!
The Shock of Facing the Scientific Aegean Stables

Joel A. Schwartz

Disturbing and sobering is at least one phrase to describe the long-awaited Duesberg/Ellison effort. Yet, there was hope, too. That is clear because, whenever you have the truth, you have hope. The readers of RETHINKING AIDS will naturally receive this book with little hesitation, but not holding back any punches, and understand, but not withholding any punches, the book is set up for anyone to understand. That is what I mean by hope.

Yet, for the person experienced with the whole AIDS debate, there is new information. More on that later.

The new reader will see for the first time his or her first glance into the world of AIDS from the 1970s, through the 1980s, and into the present time. He or she will see that there is much disagreement between the scientists on the various definitions of AIDS. This is natural, as the book is set up for anyone to understand. That is what I mean by hope.

The Shock of Facing the Scientific Aegean Stables

So this is the much awaited Duesberg book on the "AIDS scandal"?

Having been a subscriber (but not signer) I have kept a close eye on the dissidents, persuaded that they have established a prima facie case about the inadequacies of the HIV hypothesis. Furthermore, I am personally appalled with the de facto censorship of Duesberg, as it affects all who are pursuing the scientific research.

So, while I find most of the material in this book paranoid and delusional, I still think that those valid points it makes should be known by all. To express this, the book is set up for anyone to understand. That is what I mean by hope.

IN THE MARGIN-PUB NOTES:

What's news: New RETHINKING AIDS

For one thing, The Book is finally done. Leaving aside the squall initiated by certain journals (this one) the book is a magnificent achievement. Duesberg and Ellison have done a fine job.

But there is a dark story behind the scenes, not all of which can be revealed now. This is an in-depth and legitimate attempt to eliminate your fear.

Which leads me to say, before you buy this book you should understand that it is an intriguing, legal, heterogeneous, and anachronistic collection of letters. Most AIDS contains some of the most explosive materials and "credible source" rumors seen to date.

For example, led by persons unidentified, are those two cases from HHV (Health and Human Services) who show the hysteria instigated in 1987 when Dr. D. actually used reason to poke very large holes in a "Holy" Gallo-lean theory that HIV causes AIDS. I only included two of the several, but it gives you an idea of their alarm at free inquiry and their subsequent strategy.

Also in this issue. Christine Johnson sent and examined the Abbott Labs HIV ELISA test--the insert in each package. Show this to your MD (unless you are an MD) and ask him to explain what value the "AIDS tests" have.

Book reviews: we are reviewing AIDS no doubt the most fear of man and you are honor the balanced view. The two reviewers of Peter and Brian's newly published book do a fine job. Joel A. Schwartz firmly aligning himself with the book unconditionally. The other reviewer classifies as "damning with faint praise," to question the book only to be hailed as "good and unique. It identified the entire AIDS research and perhaps the entire book has plumbed the depths of the political, financial, and medical terror mechanism. Get some for gifts, damn it. After all, the HIV nonsense will not be the last of the hyper-scare. See the HOT ZONE newsletters.

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In Memoriam: This issue of RETHINKING AIDS is dedicated to the memory of Martin Lloyd Polak, whose death supports the continued work of this Newsletter and those valiant men and women who stand for truth in science and medicine.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS--a little late!
BOOK REVIEWS: Look to a wire the angry Dr. Robert Wilner's DEADLY DECEPTION (available here for only $23.95, hardback $30.00 priority mail—also see special Holiday Offer), the first professional (MD) to publicly inject himself with the "deadly, murderous, world destroying, explosive..." HIV virus—and who is planning a Dec. 7 press conference in San Diego to do same again. Wilner is a person just like you, who is one of our early subscribers and Signatories to the Group's statement. P.S. DEADLY EBOLA (Don Francis Zaire) is available here in hardback for $23.95 (available here in hardback for $23.95, $25.00 Louisiana, Florida, California—other states $25.00 plus $2 shipping), the advertisement was supposedly unauthorized, as per Amendment 1 of the Constitution of the United States of America, so a certain Philip Johnson, a "philosophical deist and Christian" informed me--The Owner and Publisher—that I must now cease all publishing. I am to sit in the corner and be silent. I must hand over your names and addresses. The Duesberg and Ellison book must be published by a Major house. I am a rat. Shut up. Now.

Of course, as I cringed and wept, the non-legal Dr. Duesberg, friend and colleague to Bryan during Bryan's five (5) year stretch in Grad School, hired attorney after attorney to suppress the publication by Bryan with a Minor publisher. Good sources everywhere have stated that Peter got socked for $6,000.00+ to have lawyers write letter after letter threatening printing a doomed grad student with evidence from preliminary injunctions to confiscation of his inventory, sales, etc. The final blow: Dr. Duesberg, trusted attorney to Bryan and friend for five years notificted the Department that Bryan was a bad egg and the University subsequently destroyed the poor fish. No Masters degree, no nothing.

While I am no legal scholar, as is Dr. Philip Johnson, LL.D., Boalt Law School, Honored Prof., I do know that a restraining order or preliminary injunction is very hard to obtain if there is no convincing evidence of "irreparable personal damage." How can a co-owner of a literary property possibly be enjoined for disposing of his property? Well, the answer is that a brilliant micro-biological mind (like Peter's) is a no-no to brilliant microbiological minds when receiving legal mail-advice. His final great legal advice? For $20,000 up front, the lawyer would begin a lawsuit against Ellison. Why is this happening and what are the motives of restraining Ellison's publishing the book? Not sure, folks, because 1) as you can see on this page, this identical manuscript is being offered for sale, with minor changes, under the title of "Inventing the AIDS Epidemic" with Peter Duesberg and Bryan Ellison (names reveal by St. Martin's Press--and you can order it here! 2) So why kick Bryan out of school and insist he dive himself of his ownership interest? Why would Philip Johnson announce on the INTERNET that INVENTING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC was not available by St. Martin's Press (hereafter known as "the Press")? What the heck is going on? More inside. See "Phil Johnson on Title..."

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PHILLIP JOHNSON ON TRIAL
The Attempt to Censor the Ellison/Duesberg Book
by Joel A. Schwartz and Bryan J. Ellison

The road to publication for the book by Bryan Ellison and Peter Duesberg had never been an easy one. Two major publishers in a row, Addison-Wesley and St. Martin's Press, had paid for the manuscript, then suddenly rejected it as too controversial. Nearly twenty others nervously refused to deal with the book at all. Unwilling to let it die, Ellison had finally taken the initiative and arranged the book's release with a smaller publisher. Now, after seven years of academic debate over the HIV hypothesis of AIDS, the process of opening this controversy to the public could begin.

Not everyone had the same idea. At 11:05 pm Monday evening, August 1, a lawyer's letter came in on Ellison's fax machine. "You must immediately cease and desist publishing, marketing, promoting, redistributing, and otherwise disposing of the book," barked the threatening letter—lest an injunction be sought to suppress the book.

Most astonishingly of all, the lawyer was representing Peter Duesberg! Duesberg and his lawyer continued the threats for several days, demanding that Ellison permanently sign away his rights to protect the book's content and business affairs. Ellison, with the program's board chairman, decided "not to do this; the book will be lost," warned Duesberg while his lawyer boasted that "You [Ellison] and Peter [Duesberg] may not want to do this, but you will be able to publish a book anywhere".

To Duesberg and Johnson, the program altogether—just as Ellison was on the verge of earning his PhD degree after five years of study—was worthless. Charles Thomas, one of the founders of the Group for the Scientific Reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS Hypothesis, illegally filed for the program's address form for the otherwise dormant AIDS newsletter in an attempt to steal the return mail and prevent distribution of the book (the penalty for this federal felony crime is five years and the death sentence). Certain other members began a letter-writing campaign to discourage book sales. Some of these letters were soon directed against Rethinking AIDS.

What bizarre influence could have turned so many AIDS dissidents at each other's throats? Even the long-awaited book by Ellison and Duesberg was a second print run, already well sold.

Oddly enough, one figure consistently found in the midst of this growing ruckus has somehow managed to remain unruffled and unaffected. His name is virtually unknown to the general public, yet he may have exerted a rowing influence on Duesberg and Johnson. His name is virtually unknown to the general public, yet he may have exerted a rowing influence on Duesberg and Johnson. His name is virtually unknown to the general public, yet he may have exerted a rowing influence on Duesberg and Johnson.

But he has developed this skill to a refined art; without ever taking a position, he can convince others that he has asserted a viewpoint, or cast doubt upon others soon act. Always projecting an air of objectivity and authority, Johnson maintains a certain aloofness while those around him follow his "advice"—and get into trouble.

AIDS is merely one of several controversial scientific issues in which Johnson has involved himself. Consistently, however, his efforts seem to direct more to contain all such controversies as sterile debates within academic circles, rather than allowing the general public to discover these issues. The War on HIV, for example, never takes the form of a general public, which does not appreciate the "expert" in the HIV controversy to become a household issue.

What are Johnson's views? What is his agenda? What is his relationship to the program? Indeed, he is a man of astonishing contradictions, who will suggest one apparent viewpoint at one time, and then promptly do a turnaround at his next opportunity.

For instance, he is an integral member of the very establishment against which he currently fights as a Christian. Johnson himself is an integral member of the Harvard and of the University of Chicago. Johnson has been awarded the Jefferson E.ensis Award for his two novel papers on HIV. Unlike such prestigious but blacklisted figures as Peter Duesberg, Johnson is routinely able to publish his papers on such controversial topics as genital herpes and the "double evolutionary" hypothesis of鸡p. Johnson's textbook, Criminal Law: Cases, Materials, and Text, appears to be used nationwide in law schools, and has been published since 1975 in at least four editions.

Johnson refers to himself as a "Christian" who challenges the notion of Darwinian evolution. As such, he is often categorized as an evangelical member of the Religious Right by Darwinists; indeed, various articles, including "Johnson--admirer Johnson as a close ally, while Christian fundamentalists publish his book. On the other hand, he is "an old friend" of the group for the Scientific Reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS Hypothesis, Johnson also makes much of his "Christian heritage," referring to himself vaguely as a "Christian" or "Christian writer." He has been shown the authority of the Religious Right, but Johnson refuses to guarantee any publicity at all. At this point Johnson

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Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 (HIV-1) EIA

Enzyme Immunoassay for the Detection of Antibody to Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 (HIV-1) in Human Serum or Plasma

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**Sensitivity and Specificity**

At present, there are several other approaches for establishing the presence and absence of HIV-1 antibody in human blood, therefore specificity was computed based on the clinical diagnosis of AIDS and specific basis on random donors.

The Abbott studies show that:
1. Sensitivity based on an assumed 100% prevalence of HIV antibody in AIDS patients is estimated to be 100% (134 patients tested).
2. Specificity based on an assumed zero prevalence of HIV antibody in random donors is estimated to be 99.8% (4777 random donors tested).

**Reactivity in Random Donor Populations**

The ability of HIV-1 EIA to detect antibody to HIV-1 in blood-bank donor specimens is shown in Table II. The data includes 4777 sera and plasma samples obtained from blood donors at three geographically distinct blood banks. The number of specimens found repeatedly reactive for antibody to HIV-1 by HIV-1 EIA in blood-bank donor specimens is shown in Table II. The percent likely reactive (positive) antibody was 0.02% and 0.04%.

**Marginal Notes cont. on page 5**
HIV Tests Virtually Worthless
by Christine Johnson

Does a positive HIV antibody test indicate HIV infection? Does a negative test indicate lack of infection? This information is unknown, since these tests have never been verified, an independent method of determining HIV infection (called a gold standard).

Such a standard does not currently exist. Manufacturers of HIV antibody test kits admit this in their pack inserts—ed.] This admission calls into question the claim (by Abbott Labs, next page) of high sensitivity (100%) and specificity of 99.9% on the HIV ELISA.

These are the two main parameters for test accuracy: 1) sensitivity refers to the extent to which the test will report positive results in individuals with HIV infection; 2) specificity determines the extent to which the test will report negative results in persons without HIV infection.

At first, when setting up the starting point for the test kit’s accuracy, the infection status of the test (control) subjects must definitely be known. The virus must be isolated. Neither Gallo nor test-kit manufacturers have done this.

Their starting point is the assumption that all AIDS patients are infected and that all random blood donors are not infected. Then, the specificity and sensitivity are calculated based on these assumptions. With this in hand, the tests are issued as having excellent performance and measure the presence (or absence) of HIV. (see example below)

Due to lack of a gold standard we still do not know the levels of HIV infection in any population. High levels of HIV antibody positivity in AIDS patients are explained by the simple fact that all risk groups (Africans even must be included as well) normally carry high burdens of multiple, potentially cross-reacting microbes.

The above discussion covers only a summary of one of the many different ways that the numerous flaws of HIV antibody testing are hidden or obscured. A lengthy analysis of this topic can be found in my paper: "When 99.999% Isn’t Good Enough: Making a Bad Test Even Worse through RETHINKING AIDS for $10.00"

Need more conversation/material Christine Johnson can be Faxed/called at (310) 392-2717. Mailing address: Christine Johnson P.O. Box 2424, Venice, CA 90294-2424

FINANCIAL EXPERT SEIZES OPPORTUNITY TO CASH IN ON HIV MYTH

Half Moon Bay CA Nov. 20. The OVERPRICED STOCK SERVICE (Murenove, P.O. Box 308, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 415-371-0620) has published its strategy for profiting on the HIV myth through short sales of those biotechs which have overcommitted to the "HIV Myth," as Mr. Michael Murphy calls it. Mr. Murenove identifies the stock most vulnerable to a short sales attack—Wellcome, PLC—as well as three other companies having a heavy exposure to HIV research: Agouron, Isis and Immune Response (IMN). The OSS Newsletter's survey of the HIV MYTH is easy reading, information especially by Dr. Robert Wilher's DEADLY DECEPTION (now available through RETHINKING AIDS for only $23.95 +$3.00 priority mail shipping). OSS summarizes the main contradictions as: 1) Regarding HIV; 2) Regarding AIDS; 3) Regarding Sexual Transmission; 4) Regarding AZT; 5) Who's Right? 6) AZT and 7) Investment Implications.

These drug/biotech stocks are listed with their respective annual daily charts, various fundamental data and a solid survey of their financial exposure to the HIV/AZT nexus. The publication of OVERPRICED AIDS is also a stocks/futures trader (since 1975). He has identified, with Bryan Ellison, the persons in high places who are able to control the issuance, financing and promotion of stocks, bonds and the tremendous wealth in stocks issued for the testing of this disease. He has also published his personal statement of the nexus. (see page 2)

The OSS Newsletter states that "This letter is a refreshing change from the boring, non-commital letters so often in circulation. The OSS takes a strong stand, with solid reasoning and uses a creative approach, that is, short selling as a serious money-making tactic. Short selling, however, can be confusing to new traders, so one must be certain that he understands that "getting short" is a way of making money when the stock price DROPS, in contrast to profiting from price rallies. Also, I must add that, because the science and testing is flawed, even rigged, this does not mean that the price must decline! The powerful financial forces which back a stock—esp. new technology—are able to keep critical data and information from public scrutiny and thus create a bullish climate.

HIV Tests Virtually Worthless—continued from col 1

[Example of flaw of Sensitivity and specificity: Let it be hypothesized that the current testing situation except for this assumption: only 99%—not 100%—of AIDS patients are infected. Using that 99% number, and with 100% of these patients "testing" positive per HIV (Abbott Labs test), the SENSITIVITY would still be 100%. This is actually true, since all true positives were correctly detected. But, when we turn to SPECIFICITY, that would drop to 0% (zero), since all true negatives (only 1% of the total) were labeled as positive. Miniating a SPECIFICITY of zero means that all positives are FALSE positives. This leads us to the very interesting point that sensitivity and specificity are actually determined on vastly different populations (see next page's admission of this) can give seriously misleading results, yet this is how it is done!]

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NEXT ISSUE: All kinds of things. Keep the cash coming in. Copy this and circulate the info. Between the energetic Ellison, the indigent Wilher, the dignified, John Lawrson and the sleep head writing of Richard Preston (The Hot Zone) and Laurence Garrett (The Coming Plague) you can be closer than ever to breaking this thing into the public domain. Don't forget to send money and buy things.

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It is widely believed by a general public that a newsworthy called HIV causes the group of diseases called AIDS. Many biomedical scientists now question this hypothesis. We propose that the thorough reappraisal of the existing evidence for and against this hypothesis be conducted by a suitable independent group. We further propose that such epidemiological studies be devoted and undertaken.

The Publisher also suggests that one asples one best critic publicly when evaluation statements by Philip Johnson, LL.D., toward Bryan Ellison, Peter Duesberg, and the early founders of the Group, including the Publisher.

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Later, in trying to re-gain Ellison's confidence after his stipend had been terminated, Johnson feigned ignorance of the situation and tried to bribe Ellison with $200. Again, Ellison refused.

By July, Ellison had finally decided to publish his book with a small publishing company. This took Johnson completely by surprise, causing him to drop his normally charming veneer. He fired off an angry and threatening letter to Trabulse, demanding an immediate stop to the book's distribution through *Rethinking AIDS*. Despite his personal knowledge to the contrary, Johnson brazenly and falsely declared that "Ellison unilaterally refused to cooperate with the editors [at St. Martin's]" and effectively prevented publication." Johnson also accused Ellison of being "unethical and unlawful" for arranging the book's publication, and demanded that Trabulse hand over the *Rethinking AIDS* mailing list.

As a legal expert, Johnson has been surprisingly eager to seize the reins of a book newsletter that are not his—without any disputable motive. In the end, he has only succeeded in ending the long friendship between Duesberg and Ellison, at no cost to himself. Acting as a "friend" from within our ranks, Johnson has caused more damage to our movement than Robert Gallo himself.

Were it not for the current publication of the book, it might not have reached the public for several years. While this might suit Johnson's apparent agenda, it would help build public knowledge of the suppressed HIV controversy, and could prevent the political backlash that would break the hold of the AIDS establishment.

Fortunately, the book is reaching more people every day. During the first four months of publication, the book has already won more supporters for the Duesberg view than the efforts of Duesberg, Ellison, and the Group combined over the past few years. This is exciting news for true AIDS dissidents.

But Phillip Johnson probably isn't celebrating.

Philip Johnson sez:

(From *Rethinking AIDS* Audio Tape, interviews, see order blank)

RA: Why don't you tell us what your position is with regard to the HIV/AIDS hypothesis, and what you think is a prudent position to take...

J: With respect to what the individual ought to do, no matter who's right about what causes AIDS—it's still good advice to avoid sexual promiscuity and practice safe sex if you are going to engage in sexual promiscuity and to avoid drugs...

RA: Are you convinced that long-term use of drugs can cause serious immune system damage? Are you persuaded about that?

J: I think long-term abuse of drugs can cause serious immune system damage whether or not Peter is right about it's pre-eminent role in, you know, the AIDS diseases. I think we need more research on it. It really doesn't matter what people think about the ultimate answer right now. The real fight is to open up the research process to new possibilities and unbiased research. Then we can see what the answers are. In the meantime, people should take precautions about sexually transmitted diseases, regardless.

To reinforce this demand, Charles Thomas, another founder of the Group, filed a false change of address for *Rethinking AIDS*, trying to divert book orders to himself. Thomas has also come to trust Johnson's advice, and would certainly have thought twice about the move if there were the re assurance of a law professor like Johnson.

Duesberg had by this time hired a second attorney to threaten Ellison with a lawsuit and an injunction against publishing the book, unless he would sign over control to Duesberg. When Ellison directly asked the attorney whether he knew Johnson personally, or had been recommended to Duesberg by Johnson, the attorney dodged the question. Would Duesberg have pursued such a reckless legal fight without Johnson's support? Such would seem out of character for a law professor like Johnson.

Johnson has since posted a libelous statement on the Internet (the computer "information superhighway"). Although never elected by the hundreds of members of the Group, Johnson claimed to speak on our collective behalf. Despite having been notified of the facts by Ellison and others, Johnson brazenly lied about the collapse of the St. Martin's Press deal, and angrily denounced the book.

Notes:

7. Phillip E. Johnson, Letter to Bryan Ellison, 4-21-93.
8. Phillip E. Johnson, Letter to Peter Duesberg, 4-21-93.
11. Phillip E. Johnson, Memo to various participants in the AIDS debate, 10-22-92.
12. Caroline M. Kane, Letter to Dean Joseph Cerny, 8-30-94.

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Date: 4/25/87
From: Francis J. Kasselberg
Subject: Peter Duesberg's view that HTLV-III does not cause AIDS
To: Dr. Peter Pianchinger, Dr. Howard Strauchen, Dr. William Blattner, Dr. Robert Gallo

I want to alert you about some incidents that have occurred in the past 24 hours:

- Monday, 4/27, 5:15 p.m.: Anti-HIV, gay playwright Larry Kramer spoke with CDC public affairs office re Peter Duesberg's article in March 1 Cancer Research (copy attached) indicating that there is no substantial evidence that HTLV-III causes AIDS.

- Tuesday, 4/28, noon: Don Barrett, DHHS assistant secretary for public affairs (7), received call from Robert Cook of Newsday re Duesberg's assertion.

- Don Bulovsky of NIH information office (496-5797) has said NIH is quite anxious and waiting feedback re NIH/NCI response to and strategy for this provocative situation.

- I have contacted DHF's Stu Aronson, in whose lab Peter Duesberg is spending some time as a visiting scientist and Fogarty scholar. Peter's office is in the Stone House. Stu Aronson said that Bob and others have tried to educate Peter re HTLV-III and AIDS—but it's hopeless. Stu suggests that the following NIH scientists may appropriately address Peter's controversy:
  1. William Blattner---first and foremost---because Stu thinks that the weakness of Peter's arguments are best highlighted by the epidemiological studies on this virus and its associated diseases.
  2. Raul Bolognesi of Duk University
  3. Tony Penel of NIAID
  4. Bob Gallo has spoken with Peter in the past and Peter persists with his arguments. Perhaps the epidemiologic approaches might be more productive in countering Peter's assertions.

Pat Newman, Paul van Niel, Eleanor Beason, Linda Anderson

Moot Alert

April 28, 1987

An NCI grantee scientist, Dr. Peter Duesberg of California/Berkeley, has published a paper in a scientific journal which concludes that the HTLV-III/LAV virus identified by Dr. Gallo and Dr. Montagnier is not the cause of AIDS and that the disease is caused by "still unidentified agent(s)" which may not even be a virus.

Inapplicably, the paper was published in the March 1 edition of Cancer Research and gives a non-specific credit to Dr. Robert Gallo and others, but nobody within the Department of Health and Human Services seems to have been aware of it until it was disclosed Monday, 4/27, by a gay publication in New York City.

Dr. Duesberg has been an NCI grantee doing research in retroviruses and oncogenes for 17 years and is highly regarded. He is the recipient of an "outstanding researcher" award from the Department. The article apparently went through the normal pre-publication process and should have been flagged at NIH. Failing that, it should have caused a splash on publication nearly two months ago.

Playwright, gay activist and Department critic Larry Kramer is currently bringing it to the attention of the media, and...
I cannot speak for him, but I personally am glad that a low-profile network of specially trained and funded public medicine experts is watchful for our collective health. In my native Australia, people everywhere are grateful to the public health officials for warning us of the growing dangers of ultraviolet health risks, owing to the ozone hole. Yet, before such officials had to disclose that this risk was indeed serious, the media and public were not fully aware of its consequences.

In other words, we want low-profile persons investigating suspicious clusters of "biological events. Most, if not all, such events are merely limited in scope and range. To allow such events to become public and range. To allow such events to become public and stimulate a press already too prone to track the activities of the grave servants. The press war would lead to a media frenzy and the grim potential for a Senatorial investigation into the cause of AIDS.

Chapter 8, the cause of AIDS? No serious infectious diseases? What about AIDS? "AIDS public health program has regained its fear of contagion. The younger Ellison, he is obviously a brilliant young man with a real future ahead of him. If he can contain his enthusiasm for seeing vile motives in honest but humanity flawed scientific research.

The NIH has continued to experience an ever-growing budget. In an era with no serious infectious disease in the world, the otherwise healthy population has resented the fear of contagion.

No serious infectious diseases? What about AIDS? In the later chapters, especially Chapter 10, the cause of AIDS is addressed, albeit unconvincingly. Duesberg's well-publicized linking of drug abuse with AIDS is persuasive, but hardly conclusive. Even if the circularity of the AIDS definition were eliminated, such statements that prove nothing, even though such apparent correlations should be studied and funded. Indeed, I reiterate: I strongly believe that everything that is Duesberg should be funded, not marginalized merely because he sees things outside the main view.

It is my opinion, even having read this book, though, that such modestly budgeted research will finally prove that HIV researchers have been duping us all along: injection drug abuse only increases the risk for HIV infection, and weakens the health consistent with abuse. But I believe that drug abuse is the "cause of AIDS," even if 94% of the cases of AIDS, with or without HIV present, are drug abusers.

Finally, while on the subject of drugs, Ellison and Duesberg seem to have left out the hard ground of evidence to the high air of conclusion when the postulate that AZT is somehow equivalent with AIDS! Clearly, such a view is foolish, and avoids the clinical picture. The need early on for such a medicine was vast and met--albeit inadequately. The Concorde Study proves that easy hopes were much too broad. However, AZT is not some kind of "poison," "toxic chemotherapy," "indiscriminate antibiotic." AZT does not "develop lymphoma" or create "massive blood cell loss." These reckless statements are only certified by a handful of independent researchers, all of whom Ellison and Duesberg do NOT apply their usual brand of suspicion to these data.

Finally, to paraphrase the last sentence of this interesting and important, but not number 1, this review is heavily tainted all over with evidence having no recourse, even litigation. How can we, as persons who disagree with this, ask a suspicious fracture has been instigated by the denialists? We have an agenda that there exist possible CDC/EIS/NIH? These agencies have outlive their usefulness, if indeed they ever had any. By and to I have to spend the remainder of my mult lif hearing about new horrors and terrors to health, all supported by suspicious scientific evidence, having no recourse, even litigation. How can we, as persons who disagree with this nonsense, assert OAR authority over this out-of-control propaganda without being forced to appear as "disaffected, "Duesberg's followers, or persons in "denial?"

And what is going to happen to those brave and sacrificial (not all voluntary!) persons like the authors, who investigated the question innocently enough at first and now face censure, dismissal, ridicule, and discouragement? If the New York Times had the number 1, what would be the future of the scientists who stand up against the facts, then what would the truth be? What scientific benefits be those scientists be who gobbled public funds and defend fantastic interpretations?

The question answers itself. If we haven't done so, buy this book before you fin some way to take it off the shelves. The gossips have, five-to-one, that the book will be unavailable by Spring!

Harold I. Balz, PhD, MD visiting Prof of Biomedical Ethics, Queensland College, NSW, holds the Paterson Chair at Kansas State Medical College.

Joel Schwartz has been working successfully with Duesberg and Ellison since 1991 to publicize the information on the whole HIV/AIDS story.

The HOT ZONE (R. Preston, Random House, $25.00) is the quasi-docu-drama that has been saying all along: injection drug abuse only increases the risk for HIV infection, and weakens the health consistent with abuse. But I believe that drug abuse is the "cause of AIDS," even if 94% of the cases of AIDS, with or without HIV present, are drug abusers.
Dear RETHINKING:

A friend of mine, upon seeing the ABC News show *Nightline* segment featuring some of our best and brightest dissidents, said: "But they didn't really explain what causes it."

I responded angrily and with newfound authority: "There is no "it"!" He was baffled. I was finally liberated. THERE IS NO "IT"!

The paradigm shift that we are engaged in had to do with redefining the conceptual framework in a fundamental way. Our detractors, and even some of our allies, have been programmed to seek a simplistic answer, an "it," to replace HIV. This stems from the years of microbe hunting to eloquently described by Mr. Ellison. "It" must be a "bug."

When AIDS becomes a fraudulent diagnostic formula used to relabel and regroup existing diseases, "it" evaporates. We are left with different people/groups of people in poor health for various reasons. Prof. Duesberg correctly points out that drug use of sustained intensity over long periods sets the stage for many infections. Dr. Mullis properly reminds us of infectious overload...There need not be one answer because we aren't dealing with one thing.

The thing--"it"--is a corrupt machine brought forth by an unholy marriage of Left and Right. "AIDS" would quickly subside if this monster could be exposed and destroyed.

When I was diagnosed with "AIDS," my father retained an artist to create a stained glass window for his church, where he serves as a vestryman. It was a young Saint George slaying a fanciful dragon. The metaphor was obvious: the dragon was AIDS-as-HIV..."it."

Had he been true to his conservative roots, and had I found the clear-headed libertarian mindset that now guides me, we both would have seen that the dragon--the "it"--wasn't a phony disease caused by a harmful retrovirus; rather we would have seen that the monster is big government, with its tentacles of overfunded science and social engineering. The dragon disguises as "compassion," wearing the colors of both sides of the aisle, but it kills.

Death to the genocidal beast!

Cordially, G. Steven Rose

Who is the Proper Target?

To: The Group...etc.

I first became aware of your organization one year ago, shortly after I learned I was HIV+. I am writing to offer thanks for información I needed to learn and to ask "Who do I sue?"

I am a healthy male, age 43. I've never done IV drugs or poppers or had homosexual sex, or received a blood transfusion. Very rarely did I take antibiotics.

After testing HIV+, I've had 3 CBC +3 SMAC. All results were within normal parameters...TB, syphilis, hepatitis tests all negative. My T4 was 750. I've never taken AZT or anything else, despite it being strongly recommended by several MD AIDS specialists.

The stress of being told I had a fatal virus that would kill me in ten years was overwhelming, almost too much to deal with, but I did. I educated myself and came to the conclusion that AIDS-related diseases among homosexuals and IV drug users are purely a function of their "gregarious" nature. Surely, society is replete with gregarious sub-cultures who don't have compromised immune systems! IVDA's and promiscuous homosexuals are clearly indulging in potentially dangerous behavior. Dr. Mullis claims that they can't be grouped because IVDA's do not get Kaposi's. But surely if gays habitually take in different substances it is hardly surprising that they may experience different pathology.

As Mullis points out, there is not a shred of epidemiological or virological evidence that an innocent retrovirus could be implicated. He appeals to common sense. The Duesberg hypothesis seems sensible. If, as Mullis protests, evidence is indeed lacking here as well, that can be excused for the present by the lack of funding--a refuge hardly available for the HIV/AIDS hypothesis.

Keep up the good work--

Francis Trueman

A Tale of Courage, Briefly Told...

To Whom It May Concern:

I have recently become aware of your work, and have been directed to write for a copy of "RETHINKING AIDS."

For several years, I was a teacher of AIDS training programs for the American Red Cross, but left it, and the NY Blood Program, for which I also worked, when what I knew of AIDS and biology, etc. did not "jive" with the official line I was expected to represent. I would now like to know more and I fully support the work of the Group.

Many Thanks, Julia Ann O'Sullivan, NY

The NY TIMES Ashamed?

The important fact about the survival of HIV positive hemophiliacs is not even mentioned in the NY TIMES Aug. 3 story: that 60% of the 111 men did not develop AIDS in the ten years (7-13) after testing positive. The headline that 18% "may stay free of AIDS for 25 years" is based on "a mathematical model"--statistical sleight of hand--which the TIMES should be ashamed for having featured. When will the newspaper finally recognize the seven year suppression of AIDS dissidents like Professor Peter Duesberg by the CDC, American scientific publications, and NATURE, and bring these ideas accurately and completely to public attention so informed discussion can finally begin? For example, is the award of millions of dollars to "HIV-infected hemophiliacs," a medically very ill group, (news story, Aug. 3) valid, or the product of hysteria?

Nathan Lehman, NY
New! From Bryan Ellison
--The brilliant 27 year old grad student ran into a legal, academic and social buzz-saw when he decided to write, with Peter Duesberg, the book (St. Martins) Inventing the AIDS Epidemic and the earliest unabridged version, Why We Will Never Win the War On AIDS. What has the response been to the availability of this book? What new directions have NIH, CDC, and other public health agencies taken to strengthen their grip on our minds and dollars? Ellison surveys all this and more for one hour in this fascinating interview.

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“AIDS ACQUIRED BY DRUG CONSUMPTION AND OTHER NON CONTAGIOUS RISK FACTORS”
By Peter Duesberg, Ph.D. Department of Cell Biology UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720
FROM: Pharmac. Ther., vol. 55, pp. 201-227, 1992
Associate Editor: D. Shugar $15.00

The work by Duesberg for which there have been no serious challenges, and quite a few non-serious ones, such as Ascher, et. al in NATURE massaging data. Very solid 72 page paper with nearly 100 citations. If you don’t already have this: GET THIS!

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